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Arrivals.

May 6, SHAFTESBURY, Rus. str., 524, Aitken, Shanghai 28th April, and Ningpo 2nd May, General.—LANDSTEIN & Co.

May 6, ARRATOON APCAR, Brit. str., 938, De Smidt, Calcutta 18th April, Penang 26th, and Singapore 28th, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

May 6, EDUARD, North Ger. bk., 544, Sohst, Hamburg 27th November, General.—WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Departures.

May 5, SUWONADA, str., for Shanghai.
May 5, KALAHOME, str., for Bangkok.
May 5, CECILIA, for Callao.
May 5, YOUNG GREEK, for Bangkok.
May 5, RACEHORSE, for Bangkok.
May 5, MIKADO, for Foochow.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
MAY 5TH.

Daylight, for Bangkok.
Boy Bendixen, for Foochow.

Passengers.

Per *Shaftesbury*, str., from Shanghai, &c.—Mr. McCalman and 7 Chinese.

Per *Arratoon Apcar*, str., from Calcutta, &c.—65 Natives and Chinese.

Per *Suwonada*, str., for Shanghai,—Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. J. K. Cunningham, and 127 Chinese.

Reports.

The British steamer *Arratoon Apcar*, from Calcutta, &c., reports having fine weather and light winds throughout the trip. The *Catherine Apcar* is loaded full, and was to leave Calcutta, immediately after the *Arratoon Apcar*. Cargo 1,444 chests of Opium, 2,304 bales of Saltpetre, 3,327 bales of Cotton, and 481 packages of Sundries.

Auction Sales To-day.

RAY & Co.
Barque *Leen-fa*.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.
Sundry Articles.

WANTED.—A Situation, by an experienced young Portuguese, as Book-keeper's Assistant, or Clerk in a Mercantile or Banking Office, or some Extra Work, such as Book-keeping, Copying, &c., first rate references can be produced. Outports preferable. Address D.D., *Daily Press* Office.
tf 821 Hongkong, 24th April, 1869.

FROM the 1st of May next, the Spanish Consulate will be transfered to ALEXANDRA TERRACE, No. 4, (Old Bailey Street).
tf 845 Hongkong, 28th April, 1869.

WHAMPOA BEEF, Shanghai MUTTON, and all table requisites for Family use,
AT
J. FRISBY & Co.'s,
Butchers, Grocers, and Market Compradors.
Store 73, corner of Wellington and Graham Sts. Butcher's Stall, Central Market.
tf 861 Hongkong, 1st May, 1869.

TO PRINTERS.

WANTED TO PURCHASE, 300 or 400 lbs. of LONG PRIMER, in good condition. New preferred. Address PRINTER, care of *Daily Press*.

COACH BUILDING.

LEONARD BARNES, Coach Builder and Wheelwright (late Wheelwright to H.M. Royal Carriage Factories), will undertake to make and repair all kinds of carriages.
N.B.—All work entrusted to his care will be neatly done, and executed upon the shortest notice.
Spring Gardens,
Opposite Messrs. Bull, Purdon & Co.
tf 760 Hongkong, 15th April, 1869.

FESEFELD & CO., AUCTIONEERS, COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS,
QUEEN'S ROAD,
Next door to Hongkong Dispensary.
3m 874 Hongkong, 3rd May, 1869.

RIFLES, FIXED AMMUNITION, AND GUNPOWDER.
RODMOND GIBBONS & Co.,
SAN FRANCISCO,
Agents for:
WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS Co.,
and
E. J. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & Co.,
are prepared to sell Rifles, Carbines, Fixed Ammunition, and Gunpowder, on terms more favorable than they can obtained from New York. [1y 713 Ap. 10

BUTCHER'S LIVERY STABLES
AND
CARRIAGE MANUFACTORY.

HORSES received on Livery.
Carriages and Horses sold and bought on Commission.
Farriery, by an experienced European.
Harness and Saddlery repaired and renovated, a stock of London-made being always on hand.
Horses broken to Saddle or Harness.
Horses always on hand for Sale.
J. B. B. having received a very large supply of the best English-made
CARRIAGE MATERIALS, PAINTS, VARNISH, &c.,
is prepared to build or repair Carriages with promptness, at very moderate Terms.
Veterinary work carefully attended to.
(J.B. will be happy to call at the residence of any person requiring his services, on receiving instructions to that effect.)
Rear of Murray Barracks, Hongkong.
tf 875 Hongkong, 3rd May, 1869.

ORIENTAL BOWLING ALLEYS AND BILLIARD SALOONS,
4, WELLINGTON STREET.
Wines and Spirits of the First Quality.
D. BROWN & Co., *Proprietors.*
tf 672 Hongkong, 5th April, 1869.

NOTICE.

MR. J. THOMSON begs to intimate that he is now publishing a series of 40 Views of Hongkong, price $25.
10 Views from plates 14 by 9.
26 do. do. 10 „ 8.
4 small instantaneous subjects of Dragon Feast.
tf 1713 Hongkong, 10th September, 1868.

PRAYA HOTEL,
Praya Central, (near the P. & O. Co.'s Wharf).

THE Proprietors in opening the above establishment hope by strict attention to business to merit a share of the Public Patronage.
Board and Lodging on reasonable terms. Table d'hote every day, at 9 A.M., 1 P.M., and 7 P.M. Single Meals may be had on the shortest notice, at all hours. Wines and Spirits of the best quality.
N.B.—Two first-class American Billiard Tables.
FRANCIS & SIMONS, *Proprietors*
tf 407 Hongkong, 26th February, 1869.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. WATCHELS, GROOS & Co., of Nagasaki, have been appointed Agents for Japan for the *Daily Press, Overland Trade Report, Straits Times Extra*, and all other publications issued from this Office, and residents in Japan will please make application to them *Daily Press* Office, July, 1868.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL—5,000,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:—
Chairman—GEORGE F. HEARD, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—JULIUS MENKE, Esq.
George J. Helland, Esq. | A. Joost, Esq.
William Lemann, Esq. | J. P. Duncanson, Esq.
W. H. Forbes, Esq. | Richard Rowett, Esq.
S. D. Sassoon, Esq. | E. R. Belilios, Esq.
Hon'ble J. B. Taylor.

Managers:—
Hongkong—Victor Kresser, Esq., Chief Manager.
Shanghai—David McLean, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months' 3 per cent. per annum.
6 „ 4 „ „
12 „ 5 „ „
LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits—granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts—granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
VICTOR KRESSER, *Chief Manager.*
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
tf 1062 Hongkong, 1st January, 1869.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK
OF
INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.
CAPITAL PAID-UP £750,000.
With power to increase to £1,500,000.
Reserve Fund, £145,902 14s. 8d.
Head-Office—No. 65, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.
COURT OF DIRECTORS.
George Garden Nicol, Esq.—*Chairman.*
Donald Larnack, Esq.
George May, Esq.
Sir Frederick J. Halliday.
James M. Robertson, Esq.
Ellis James Gilman, Esq.
David Trail Robertson, Esq.—*Chief Manager.*
LONDON BANKERS.
Bank of England.
London Joint Stock Bank.
SOLICITORS.
Messrs. Clarke, Sons, & Rawlins, Coleman St.
AUDITORS.
Messrs. Coleman, Turquand, Youngs & Co., Public Accountants.
J. Smith, Esq., of Messrs. W. Nicol & Co., Bombay.
James Joseph Mackenzie, Esq., late of Messrs. Dent & Co., China.
Branches and Agencies.
Bombay.
Calcutta.
Madras.
Ceylon { Colombo. Kandy. Galle.
Singapore.
Penang.
Foochow.
Shanghai.
Yokohama.
Hankow.
Mauritius.
Saigon.
Batavia.
EDINBURGH DEPOSIT AGENCY,
128, George Street.
CHARLES PEARSON, Esq., C.A.—Agent.
HONGKONG BRANCH.
Current deposits.—Accounts are kept on which no interest is allowed and no charge made for collecting Bills, Cheques, &c.
Fixed deposits.—Are received viz:—
Repayable at 12 months' ......6 °/. per annum.
„ at 6 „ ......5 °/. per annum.
The Bank discounts Local Bills, and Notes payable in Hongkong having at least two approved names unconnected in general partnership, and makes advances on approved Banking Securities.
Exchange.
The Bank issues drafts on its London Office, and on the London Joint Stock Bank at four months' sight, also on its Branches above; and Agents in Scotland, Ireland, Melbourne, Sydney and Towns in Australia, New Zealand, &c., and grants Circular Notes for the use of travellers negotiable in all Towns of importance throughout the world.
Bills payable in Europe or in any of the above mentioned places are purchased or remitted for collection.
Further information as to the rules of business may be obtained at the office, or on application by letter to the Manager.
Office hours:—10 to 3, Saturday 10 to 1.
WILLIAM JACKSON, *Manager.*
2, Queen's Road, 24th July, 1867.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS
Incorporated by National Decrees of 7th and 8th May, 1848, and by Imperial Decrees of 25th July, 1854, and 31st December, 1866.
RECOGNISED BY THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.
PAID-UP CAPITAL,—
Francs 80,000,000,—£3,200,000.
RESERVED FUND,—
Francs 20,000,000,—£800,000.
LONDON BANKERS—
UNION BANK OF LONDON.
HEAD OFFICE: 14, RUE BERGERE, PARIS.
AGENCIES AT LONDON, NANTES, LYONS, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, SAIGON, SAINT DENIS, (ILE DE LA REUNION,) AND YOKOHAMA.
HONGKONG AGENCY.
THIS BANK issues Drafts on its Paris Head Office, on the UNION BANK OF LONDON, and on its Agencies in London, Bombay, Calcutta, Shanghai, Bourbon, Saigon, and Yokohama, and on the principal places of Commerce on the Continent of Europe, India, America, China, Australia, &c.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS are kept, upon which no Commission is charged, and no Interest allowed.
BILLS on Europe, India, America, Australia, &c., &c., are purchased or remitted for collection.
LOCAL BILLS discounted, and LOANS granted on Merchandize, &c., &c.
LETTERS OF CREDIT issued, available for the purchase of Merchandize in all parts of the World, on terms to be ascertained on application to the Manager.
E. DELBANCO, *Manager.*
Offices in Hongkong:—
BANK BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, December, 1868. [790

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum, say $7.50 per paid-up Share of $125, and $1.50 per Share on which $25 have been paid, is payable on and after MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.
By order of the Court of Directors,
VICTOR KRESSER, *Chief Manager.*
tf 358 Hongkong, 15th February, 1869.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the unpaid Capital of One Hundred Dollars per share, on the 20,000 New Shares of the Corporation's Stock, will fall due on the dates following, viz:—
On 1st July, 1869, ...$25
1st July, 1870, ... 25
1st January, 1872,... 25
1st January, 1873,... 25
$100
Shareholders electing to pay the whole or any portion of the above calls by anticipation, will receive interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, until the respective dates at which the calls shall fall due, and receipts for such payments will be issued at the Head Office and Branches.
By order of the Court of Directors,
VICTOR KRESSER, *Chief Manager.*
tf 447 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1869.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE Fortnightly Market Circulars published by the Chamber, will in future be deliverable from the office of the undersigned from 10 A.M. of the morning preceding the steamer's departure. The Circulars are at the disposal of *non-Members*, on application to the Secretary, who will furnish particulars of cost, &c.
By order,
J. W. WOOD, *Secretary.*
Club Chambers,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1869. [tf 437

NOTICE.

ESTATE OF DENT & CO.

A SECOND Dividend of Five per centum upon the amount of all claims admitted by the Trustees, will be paid on the 15th May next.
On application to Mr. G. OVERBECK, at the office of the Trustees, No. 7, *Pedder's Hill*, creditors will be furnished with warrants signed by the Trustees, which will be payable at the office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
3m 448 Hongkong, 3rd March, 1869.

PORTRAITS.

MR. J. THOMSON begs to intimate that as his rooms are being repaired and improved, they will be closed for portraits from this date to May 10th.
Commercial Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1869. [tf 814

GREAT REDUCTION.
Closing of Business.

THE Undersigned, who is closing his business in May next, begs most respectfully to offer to the public his large selection of Photographs, at the following low rates, an opportunity that should not be lost; patrons wishing to have copies from their negatives can have them at greatly reduced rates.
Views in set of 50 each $20.00
Views in ½ set of 25 each 12.50
W. P. FLOYD.
tf 556 Hongkong, 19th March, 1869.

NOTICE.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month ¼ of the annual rate.
Above 1 month but not exceeding } 3 „ ½ do. do.
Above 3 months but not exceeding } 6 „ ¾ do. do.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.
A. G. HOGG & Co.
Agents, Sun Fire Office
tf 676 Hongkong, 9th June, 1868.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 471 Hongkong, 6th March, 1868.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, HONGKONG.

TRUSTEES—
The Colonial Secretary,
The Honourable W. KESWICK, Esq.,
GEO. HEARD, Esq.
The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Company, (ex officio),
W. STANLEY ADAMS, M.D., *Resident Surgeon.*
MR. YOUNG, *House Surgeon.*
W. PATERSON, Esq., *Hon. Treasurer.*

TERMS OF ADMISSION—
1st Class (Private Room), per day, $3.00
2nd „ (2 Bedsinea. Room),.... „ „ $2.00
3rd „ (Public Wards) „ „ $1.00
These charges are inclusive of all Medicines and Attendances, but exclusive of Wines or Articles not in the recognised Dietary Table.
All orders for Admission to Hospital must be countersigned by some responsible Person or Persons resident in the Colony.
(Patients are also admitted on Deposits at the following rates, renewable one day previous to the amount deposited having been expended.
1st Class .... $60.
2nd „ .... $40.
3rd „ .... $30.)
By order,
W. PATERSON, *Treasurer*
tf 21 Hongkong 3rd January, 1868.

KELUNG COAL COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to supply Steamers and Vessels with the best FORMOSA COAL at current rates, or to deliver the same under contract at any port in China.
The company having always a large quantity in store, vessels will not be subjected to any unnecessary delay.
DODD & Co., *Agents.*
tf 281 Kelung, 6th January, 1868.

FORMOSA COAL DEPOT AT KILUNG

HAS on hand a large stock of Coal of *best quality*, and is prepared to supply Steamers and Sailing vessels with quick dispatch at Current rates, or deliver the same under Contract at Hongkong, and any Treaty port in China.
The Depôt, drawing supplies from the best mines only, intends to provide a superior article, *free of the Surface Coal*, that has hitherto prejudiced Consumers.
MILISCH & Co., *Agents.*
tf 835 Kilung, 2nd May, 1868.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE management of the HONGKONG HOTEL has this day been placed in the hands of Mr. GEORGE E. POTTS, to whom all communications on the business of the Hotel should be addressed.
YEE-WO & Co.
tf 685 Hongkong, 1st April, 1869.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE Lease of the HONGKONG HOTEL having this day been transferred to me, the interest and responsibility of LEE-A-FONG ceases.
The business as before will be carried on under the name of YEE-WO & Co.
CHUN-CHAN, *Lessee.*
tf 686 Hongkong, 1st April, 1869.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

RAY & Co. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction,
THIS DAY,
May 6th, 1869, at noon, on board,—by order of the Mortgagee, under the power of Sale contained in the said Mortgage,
The British Barque
"LEEN-FA,"
269 tons register, as she now lays at this harbor, and, in a separate lot, 3 new lower masts, made for said vessel.
TERMS OF SALE.—The ship to be at the risk of the purchaser on fall of the hammer, when one-half of the purchase-money is to be paid, and the balance within 3 days after, in Mexican dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All expenses of transfer to be paid by the purchaser.
865 Hongkong, 1st May, 1869.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction,
THIS DAY,
the 6th May, 1869, at 12 o'clock,
At his Sales Room,
"COMMERCIAL BANK BUILDINGS,"—
20 Barrels TAR.
60 Dozen HANDKERCHIEFS, Printed Borders.
30 „ White, Cambric HANDKERCHIEFS,
5 Pieces Black ALPACA.
10 Dozen Damask Table CLOTHS.
10 Gross Alpaca BRAID.
20 Dozen Girl's White Cotton HOSE, Nos. 2, 3, and 4.
20 „ Men's Brown Cotton ½-HOSE.
20 „ do. White do. ½-HOSE.
20 „ do. do. do. HOSE.
30 Pairs Wellington BOOTS.
30 Boxes Solace TOBACCO.
100 lbs. Copper Hose RIVETS and BARS.
20 Mills Smith and Wesson's Revolver CARTRIDGES, No. 22/100.
15 Cases, each 6 dozen, JAMS and JELLIES, assorted.
3 „ each 6 dozen, Orange MARMALADE.
15 „ each 3 dozen, PICKLES.
4 „ „ 5 „ SYRUPS, assorted.
15 Barrels Dried APPLES.
The Balance of an Invoice of Meerschaum and Wood PIPES.
An Invoice of Summer WINES, comprising NIERSTEINER, LIEBFRAUMILCH, Steinberger CABINET, and RUDESHEIMERBERG.
Also,
Sundry HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, viz.: an Iron BEDSTEAD, 1 CLOCK with Glass Shade, 1 Card TABLE, TABLES, CHAIRS, COUCHES, LAMPS, WASHSTAND and SET, &c., &c.
A Large AVIARY.
And,
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, *Auctioneer.*
890 Hongkong, 5th May, 1869.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction,
TO-MORROW,
the 7th instant, at noon,
In their Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,
10 Double Barrelled GUNS, in Mahogany Cases; 10 Superior RIFLES, 4 Bagatelle TABLES, 115 SWORDS, ... ENVELOPES, 50 Reams Copying PAPER, A Case of Felt HATS, Wire Dish COVERS, Black and Red PAINT, White Longcloth SHIRTS, Black ALPACA, Brown LINEN, Cotton SOCKS and STOCKINGS, Riding WHIPS.
50 Cases OLD TOM, 6 Dozen Brown SHERRY, 10 Dozen Bourbon WHISKY, TOILET SOAP, in Boxes, an Invoice Muntz's Yellow METAL RODS, 15/16 to 1½ inch; Walkden's Writing and Copying INK.
50 Cases Holland's GIN. 100 Tins White ZINC, Green PAINT. 6 Cases, each 100 Bottles, Pomeranzen BITTERS. 50 Gross really good, *linen faced*, Paper COLLARS. An Invoice assorted WALL PAPER.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk upon fall of the hammer.
891 Hongkong, 5th May, 1869.

PUBLIC LAND AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,
the 8th May, 1869, at 4 o'clock P.M., on the Ground,—
Those valuable Lots of LAND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lots No. 458 and 459, and situated near the Sookunpoo Market, East Point.
And,
AT 5 P.M.,—
Those Lots of LAND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lots No. 779 and 780, and situated at Wanchi, near Hospital Hill.
For plans and particulars, apply to the Auctioneers.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash upon fall of the hammer in Mexican dollars, at 7.1.7. All expenses of transfer to be paid by the purchaser.
MORRIS & Co., *Auctioneers*
859 Hongkong, 30th April, 1869.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY,
the 10th instant, at noon,
At No. 1, *Seymour Terrace*, the residence of Captain SHAW and Captain MAXWELL,—
The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising CHAIRS, COUCHES, PICTURES, STATUETTES, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, BEDSTEADS, WARDROBES, TABLES, Table LINEN, Electro PLATED WARE, LAMPS, BOOKS.
A Musical BOX.
1 Pair Westley Richard's PISTOLS, and Case.
1 Colt's REVOLVER.
A very fine MELODEON, with 8 stops.
A Set of Silver SPOONS and FORKS.
A few dozen Brown SHERRY.
Sedan and Mountain CHAIRS, SADDLES, HARNESS, &c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk upon fall of the hammer.
892 Hongkong, 5th May, 1869.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Property at Foochow, known as DENT & Co.'s, will be offered for sale by Public Auction in June next, unless previously disposed of by Private Contract.
The Property consists of
DWELLING HOUSE,
containing 8 Rooms and Bath Rooms, with Servants' Offices and Stables detached, the whole surrounded by a Garden.
This House is let on a short Lease at $150 per month.
OFFICE AND GODOWNS.
A House containing 4 Offices and spacious Tea Room, with fire-proof Godowns, large Treasury, and Compradore's Rooms below, Servants' Offices, &c., detached.
Three large GODOWNS A, B, and C, adjoining the above.
This Property has water frontage, is situated in the most eligible portion of the business quarter of Foochow, and is let on a Repairing Lease for 5 years, commencing from the 1st May next, at the annual rental of $4,500.
For further particulars apply at the Office of the Trustees, No. 7, *Pedder's Hill.*
5m 253 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1869.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

IN THE ESTATE OF PASEDAG & Co., OF AMOY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Mr. WILLIAM ALEXANDER STURROCK has been appointed Administrator of the above Estate, *ad interim*, by His Prussian Majesty's Consul-General in China.
W. W. PEDDER,
H.B.M. Consul,
Acting for Prussia.
7d 869 Amoy, 28th April, 1869.

CIRCULAR.

THE North German Brig "*JOHAN HEINRICH*," said to be of 186 tons English measurement, now lying in the harbour of Amoy, with all her appurtenances, will be offered for sale by Public Auction, on board, on SATURDAY, the 15th *of May next*, at 11 o'clock A.M., unless previously disposed of by private contract.
For further particulars and Inventory, apply to
W. A. STURROCK,
Interim Administrator of the Estate of PASEDAG & Co., Amoy.
8d 870 Amoy, 28th April, 1869.

FOR SALE.

THE following properties, belonging to the Estate of DENT & Co.:—
AT HANKOW.
The property at present occupied by Messrs. EVANS & RAINBOW, consisting of a DWELLING HOUSE, with Servants' OFFICES, and STABLES, and three GODOWNS, each 150 feet by 60.
The situation of this property, outside the British Concession, its River frontage of 320 feet, and extensive Godown accommodation, makes it one of the most valuable at Hankow, especially for Steamboat purposes.
AT KIUKIANG.
Four lots on the British Concession, with a frontage of 232 feet on the River Bund. The buildings consist of a DWELLING HOUSE, with Servants' OFFICES, and two GODOWNS, 100 feet by 50, and 105 feet by 66, on the front lots, and of a GODOWN, 155 feet by 65 feet, on the back lot.
For further Particulars, apply
At the Office of the Trustees,
No. 7, *Pedder's Hill*,
Or to H. P. HANSSEN, *Shanghai.*
143d 716 Hongkong, 12th April, 1869.

FOR SALE.

THE detached HOUSE on the *Caine Road*, with Garden and two sets of Stables, at present occupied by the Honorable W. H. RENNIE. Possession to be given in June next.
The House is in complete repair, and the greater part of the purchase money will be allowed to remain on Mortgage, if desired.
For further particulars, apply on the Premises.
tf 662 Hongkong, 3rd April, 1869.

FOR SALE.

THE Italian Clipper Ship "*TERESA*," of 1,228 Tons Register, now lying at the Inner Harbour, of Macao.
For particulars, apply to Messrs. J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co., Hongkong, or to the Undersigned, Macao.
M. A. DOS REMEDIOS.
1m 797 Macao, 19th April, 1869.

Ex S. S. "Aquasmarin"...

BOOTS and SHOES for Ladies, Gentlemen, and Children.
Ladies' Bronze SLIPPERS and Silk UMBRELLAS, Charles Dickens' Works, *in sets.*
Furniture CHINTZ.

Ex "Falcon" and "Ziba,"

Longcloth SHIRTS with Linen Fronts, Gauze, Merino and Silk UNDERSHIRTS, Linen and Paper COLLARS, White, Brown and Stripe Thread and Cotton SOCKS, NECKTIES and SCARFS, Cambric HANDKERCHIEFS, Straw HATS, Ellwood's HELMETS, Sangster's UMBRELLAS, Musala VESTS, Trowser DUCK and DRILL, ALPACA, French MERINO and PARAMATTAS.
Ladies' and Children's Trimmed and Untrimmed HATS, White and Fancy Muslin and other DRESSES, Printed French CAMBRICS, Silk, Lisle, Thread and Cotton HOSIERY, Silk GLOVES, Trimmed BODIES, Cambric EDGINGS, RIBBONS, LACES, VELVETS, HABERDASHERY, &c.
Window CURTAINS, Mosquito NETS, SHEETINGS and COUNTERPANES, Bath and Toilet COVERS, Damask Table LINEN, Gauze and other FLANNELS, Longcloth and Irish LINENS, STATIONERY of all kinds, PERFUMERY, BRUSHES, SOAPS, SPONGES, Children's PERAMBULATORS, &c., &c.
S. W. BAKER & Co.
tf 779 Hongkong, 19th April, 1869.

CARRIAGE MANUFACTORY.

J. B. BUTCHER begs respectfully to inform the Inhabitants of Hongkong, that he has just received a larger consignment of
CARRIAGE MATERIALS, PAINTS, VARNISH, &c.
than has ever been introduced into Hongkong. He is now prepared to build to order, or repair, Carriages of any description, on very low terms, having received cloth, leather, paints, varnish and every other requisite, especially
CARRIAGE TRIMMINGS, LACE, &c., &c.
Amongst other things, he has also received a complete set of Saddler's Tools, so that any repairs to Saddles, Harness, &c., can be executed here equal to what they could be at home.
Terms Strictly Moderate.
BUTCHER'S LIVERY STABLES,
AND
CARRIAGE MANUFACTORY,
Rear of Murray Barracks, Hongkong.
All orders promptly executed, under the personal superintendence of J. B. BUTCHER.
1m 826 Hongkong, 24th April, 1869.

NOTICE.

SELLING OFF AT COST PRICE,
FOR
ONE MONTH ONLY.

THE Undersigned beg respectfully to call the attention of Shipmasters, and the Public in general, to the notice that they are selling off the remainder of their Stock at
COST PRICE,
FOR
ONE MONTH ONLY,
and that they have a large assortment of Goods, particularly Rope, Canvas, Stoves, Scales, Packing, Tobacco, Sauces, Cheese, and sundry other Articles.
THOS. HUNT & Co.
tf 781 Hongkong, 19th April, 1869.

FOR SALE.

GALVANIZED Iron Wire RIGGING, 1 inch, 1¼, 1⅜, 1½, and 1⅝. Apply to
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.
839 Hongkong, 27th April, 1869.

SHERRY AND PORT.

THE undersigned have a consignment of above Wines for sale at moderate prices.
R. MACGREGOR & Co.
1m 702 Hongkong, 9th April, 1869.

STORAGE.

THE undersigned are prepared to land and receive Goods on Storage in their first-class Godowns, situated in Burd's Lane.
R. MACGREGOR & Co.
1m 703 Hongkong, 9th April, 1869.

TO BE LET, OR FOR SALE.

A Pleasantly situated Bungalow, with Garden, Conchhouse, and Stable. Situated in the *Calcada do San Francisco*, Macao. Government ground rental of $8 per annum.
Apply to J. J. FRANCIS, Esq., Hongkong, or J. R. WHITE, Esq., Macao.
tf 509 Macao, 12th March, 1869.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

DICK'S L'EXTINCTEUR,
OR
PATENT PORTABLE SELF-ACTING FIRE ENGINE.

THE Undersigned having been favoured by the Agents in Hongkong with the sale of these Invaluable Machines, begs to invite Public attention to them as a remedial in the event of Fire.

NOTICE.

AN EXPERIMENTAL TRIAL of the above Machine will be given under the observation of the Officers of the Fire Brigade, on the 8th instant, at 5 P.M., on the Terrace Ground, in rear of the "Castle," *Castle Road.*
ANDREW MILLAR.
9d 872 Hongkong, 3rd May, 1869.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE.

SHARES Nos. 71, 72, 73, (the Premia contributed on *each* share being $3,443), have been placed in the hands of the Directors *For Sale.* Sealed tenders for purchase of same, marked "Tender for Share No. ," will be received until the 10th May, 1869.
By order of the Board,
ROBERT WATMORE, *Secretary.*
15d 827 Hongkong, 26th April, 1869.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the Estate of the late ROBERT HENRY GRANT, lately a Clerk in the Naval Yard, Hongkong, are requested to make payment, and all persons having Claims against the said Estate are notified to send in their Claims to the undersigned without delay.
JNO. J. FRANCIS,
Solicitor for
JOHN D. MACDONALD THOMPSON, *Executor.*
1m 745 Hongkong, 3rd April, A.D., 1869.

NOTICE.

ALL parties indebted to, and having claims against the Estate of the late JOHN PATERSON, Plumber and Coppersmith, *Queen's Road, W. st.*, are requested to lodge the same with the undersigned, on or before the 15th May, 1869.
WILLIAM SWAN, *Executor.*
23d 808 Hongkong, 22nd April, 1869.

NOTICE.

IN THE ESTATE OF JAMSETJEE EDULJEE, *Deceased.*

ALL persons indebted to the above Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against, to notify the same without delay to the Undersigned.
G. L. AGABEG,
BOMANJEE M. MOOGASETTNA, *Executors.*
1m 753 Hongkong, 15th April, 1869.

THE Undersigned have this day REMOVED their Office to the premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. JAMESON & BARTON, *Gough Street*, No. 13.
REMEDIOS & Co.
1m 844 Hongkong, 28th April, 1869.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned begs to inform the community of Hongkong, that he has REMOVED his Horse Shoeing forge from rear of Murray Barracks, to his new premises in Duddell Street. Gentlemen who may favour him with their patronage, may rely on their horses being shod under his strict surveillance.
THOS. E. HAWKINS,
Late Farrier Major Bengal Horse Artillery.
tf 867 Hongkong, 1st May, 1869.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between Messrs. A. MÜLLER and C. H. CLAUSSEN, will be dissolved by mutual consent on the 15th May next, they therefore offer the whole of their valuable stock, consisting chiefly of goods lately arrived, at rates to secure immediate clearance.
The STOCK consists of PIECE GOODS, Ready-made CLOTHING, HOSIERY, HATS, SHIRTS, BOOTS, &c., &c.
Must positively be cleared by the above date.
MÜLLER & CLAUSSEN, *Queen's Road.*
tf 543 Hongkong, 17th March, 1869.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

FANCY DOESKINS, ANGOLAS, and FLANNELS.
Black MERINO.
White DUCK and DRILL.
Overland TRUNKS, &c.
Travelling BAGS.
Dressing GOWNS.
MAUDS and RUGS.
Dawson's BOOTS.
The whole offered at cost price, in consequence of closing on 15th May.
MÜLLER & CLAUSSEN.
tf 785 Hongkong, 19th April, 1869.

NOTICE.

AS the business of Messrs. MÜLLER & CLAUSSEN will be closed on 15th May, all persons having Claims against them must present the same before that date, and all accounts due to them must be paid immediately.
44d 857 Hongkong, 2nd April, 1869.

SAIL MAKING.

WILLIAM DOLAN having returned to Hongkong, has resumed his business of SAIL MAKING in all its branches, at his old place in *Duddell Street*, and solicits the patronage of the Public.
He has on hand a fine assortment of 8 and 10 ounce RAVINS DUCK, suitable for Boat Sails or Awnings.
tf 858 Hongkong, 30th April, 1869.

NOTICE.

THE Firms of SUN-CHAN at Shanghai, Canton, and Hongkong, were established in the year 1866 by the undersigned (A-HOONG) and A-SOW, compradore of Messrs. Wm. Pustau & Co., Shanghai, in co-partnership, and continued in existence till the end of last Chinese year, when the partnership was dissolved by mutual consent. An understanding was come to that all debts due, and against them, in Hongkong and Canton, would be collected and paid by the undersigned, while those at Shanghai would be similarly treated by A-SOW. It was further understood that now their partnership having been dissolved, each would start business on his own account, and abandon the style of SUN-CHAN. As A-SOW has established a firm under the style of LO-LUN-SUN-CHAN, which may lead to the supposition that it is the same as SUN-CHAN, now extinct, it is necessary to acquaint the public that the undersigned has no connexion whatever with that firm, nor does the business conducted by the undersigned, under the name of PO-YUNE-KUNG-CHAN, belong to A-SOW.
A-HOONG.
1w 885 Hongkong, 4th May, 1869.

MEDICAL.—A Gentleman, aged 38, M.D. and F.R.C.S., now Conducting a Practice as *Locum Tenens* of £3,000 a year in the East, is anxious for a similar engagement next June. Terms, £1,000 per annum with board. Address, D. M., *Daily Press* Office.
tf 2199 Hongkong, 24th November, 1868.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. Tennent, Glasgow, and Messrs. David Corsar & Sons Arbroath.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
tf 419 Hongkong, January, 1867.

Intimations.

LAST PERFORMANCE BUT ONE.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE
OF
COMMODORE O. J. JONES,
AND
COLONEL GORE,
Commandant.

THIS EVENING, MAY 6TH, 1869.

LUSITANO THEATRE.

ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

GRACE EGERTON,
(MRS. GEORGE CASE)
AND
MR. GEORGE CASE,
Respectfully announce their Last Performance but One, under the above distinguished Patronage, on which occasion they will present another
ENTIRE CHANGE OF PERFORMANCE.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.
Admission ... ... $ 2
Private Boxes to hold six 12

Tickets may be obtained of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. (where a plan of the theatre may be seen), and of Messrs. MORRIS & Co.

Doors open at 8.30. Performance to commence at 9 o'clock.
856 Hongkong, 1st May, 1869.

THE NEW ALHAMBRA.

HOLLYWOOD ROAD, HONGKONG.

V. MATHEI respectfully announces to the Public of Hongkong, that he has built, at considerable expense, a commodious, well-ventilated Theatre, in *Hollywood Road*, in which he will have the honour of producing, on SATURDAY EVENING, May 8th, an instrumental Concert and Dancing.
The Concert will commence at 9, and close at 10 o'clock; Dancing from 10 to 11.30.
Entrance ... ... $2 each.
Tickets can be obtained at the residence of Mr. MATHEI, No. 16, *Hollywood Road*, and at the doors on the evening of performance.
806 Hongkong, 3rd May, 1869.

WANTED.

A GREY or WHITE PONY, about 12 hands or under, quiet to drive in Single and Double Harness. Address MAX. WELTON, Esq., care of this Paper.
tf 901 Hongkong, 6th May, 1869.

STEAM TO
SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship
"AZOF,"
will have quick dispatch for the above Ports.
W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent,*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1869. [tf 897

MR. CHARLES STOREY, ARCHITECT, SURVEYOR,
AND
CIVIL ENGINEER,
29, WYNDHAM STREET,
(4 doors west of German Club).
tf 898 Hongkong, 5th May, 1869.

NOTICE.

PERSONS having for Sale a boiler from 40 to 50 Horse Power for Marine Engines are requested to communicate with "The Directors of the Arsenal at Foochow," sending at the same time particulars of the dimensions of the boiler and the price.
8d 899 Hongkong, 5th May, 1869.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.
THE Steamship
"YESSO,"
Capt. Ashton, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
3d 900 Hongkong, 6th May, 1869.

MORRIS & CO., AUCTIONEERS,
NEWS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.
tf647] *(Late J. B. Morr's. News Agent.)* [Apl.

FOR SALE.

ALL descriptions of ACCOUNT BOOKS, of English manufacture.
Prices Moderate.
NORONHA & SONS.
tf 895 Hongkong, 5th May, 1869.

BONNETT & Co.,
REMOVED to *Queen's Road*, opposite Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., will open on May 5th, 1869.
28d 882 Hongkong, 4th May, 1869.

FOR SALE.

A FEW superior RIFLES, adapted for *Prize Shooting*, both breech and muzzle-loaders, regulation bore.
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 883 Hongkong, 4th May, 1869.

FOR SALE.

JUST landed, ex M. I. Steamer *Imperatrice.*
CLARETS:
Chateau LAFITTE,
Larose PALMER,
further
ST. GEORGE, ST. JULIEN,
MARGAUX, ST. EMILION,
WHITE WINES:
Haut Sauterne CHABLIS,
MADEIRA, XERES, SHERRY,
MUSCAT, MUSCATEL, &c., &c.
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 884 Hongkong, 4th May, 1869.

MR. W. P. FLOYD, Photographer, begs to inform his Patrons, that his departure for Europe is POSTPONED until the arrival of two First Class London Operators. The business will be continued as heretofore.
tf Hongkong, 19th April, 1869.

NOTICE.

IT having come to the knowledge of the Undersigned that some Gold leaves sold to Foreign merchants, bore the stamp of YOUNG-A-WING; this is to caution the Public that such goods do not come from the Undersigned, and that if they should not be found 100 touch, or not according to pattern, it would not concern the Undersigned.
YOUNG-A-WING,
OF SAN-MOW-CHEONG.
1w 879 Hongkong, April 3rd, 1869.

Notices to Consignees.

S. S. "*JAPAN*," FROM BOMBAY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their *Bills of Lading* for *Countersignature* to the Undersigned, and to take *immediate* delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
7d 887 Hongkong, 5th May, 1869.

NOTICE.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.
Ex "Cambodge," 2nd February, 1869.
GFC 15985 - - - - - - 1 Case Chemicals.
Ex "Donnai," 30th March.
Mr. Schaal - - - 2 Cases (contents unknown).
Ex "Imperatrice," 1st May.
VD 1/12 - - - - - - 12 Cases Drugs.
Brussement - - - - - 1 „ Preserves.
GHG / JJB 385 & 308, - - - 2 „ Clockware.
Feo. Abella - - - - - 1 „ Merchandise.
C. BERTRAND, *Principal Agent.*
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1869.

Docks.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

THE Company call the attention of Ship Owners, Consignees, and Masters of Vessels to their establishments at HONGKONG and WHAMPOA, for the DOCKING and REPAIRS of Vessels of all classes.

At Hongkong the Company have the only Dock in the Harbour,—a granite Dock, solidly built, and of dimensions to admit ships of 350 feet in length, and drawing 22 feet of water.

Attached to it there are Shipwrights, Blacksmiths, Boilermakers, and Machinery works, and everything necessary for the repairs of Sailing Vessels or Steamers.

The Company have also opened a Ship Yard by the side of the HONGKONG DOCK, and are ready to contract for the construction of Steamers or Sailing Vessels of any size.

At Whampoa the Company will take ships at reduced rates.

The Steam Tug *Little Orphan* can be engaged to tow Vessels to sea or berth them, at reasonable rates.

For Particulars apply to
ROB. S. WALKER,
Secretary.

Company's Office, Queen's Road, Corner of Ice House Lane.
tf 694 Hongkong, 8th April, 1869.

PORT OF AMOY.

SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS, and COMMANDERS are informed that the DOCK COMPANY'S ESTABLISHMENTS at the above Port afford every facility, at moderate charges, for
REPAIRING AND SPARRING VESSELS,
AND
CLEANING AND PAINTING IRON SHIPS AND STEAMERS.

THEIR LARGE GRANITE DOCK.
Has 286 feet length on the blocks, and at average spring tides can receive Vessels of 16 to 17 feet draught. It has a
CAISSON GATE, AND POWERFUL CENTRIFUGAL STEAM-PUMP,
And an Engineers' work shop fitted with Lathes and Tools, driven by steam. Iron and Brass Foundries, Boiler-makers' shop, a large Smithy, and Carpenters' and Boat-builders' sheds. All superintended by resident Europeans.

Their two smaller GRANITE DOCKS can receive, at spring tides, Vessels drawing 12 feet.

Spars, Timber, and other Dock-yard material kept in stock.

Quarters for Officers, and a DRY GODOWN for STORES, of Vessels under repair.
tf 2317 Amoy, December, 1868.

FOOCHOW DOCK.

RIVER MIN.

THE above granite floored DOCK, of the following Demensions, viz: Length, 300 feet, Breadth at Bottom, 40 feet, is capable of receiving Vessels drawing 13 to 16 feet, as the state of the Tides will allow. The Dock runs dry to the Blocks and is pumped out by Steam.

The above premises comprise a large Machine-Shop, containing a
WITHWORTH'S 12-INCH SCREW CUTTING GAP LATHE,
DRILLING AND SCREWING MACHINES,
A LARGE SMITHY, &c., &c., &c.

Large Godowns are on the premises for STOWAGE OF CARGO, &c., &c. A large Stock of Woods, Metal, &c., &c., always on hand.

The Dock Steam Tug *Wusung* is available at all times to tow vessels to or from Sea, at current rates, on application to
JOHN C. SKEY,
Superintendent.

The list of Charges for lighting or remetalling vessels can be obtained from
Messrs. DE SILVER & Co. Hongkong.
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Shanghai.
tf 876 May3

THE CALIFORNIA DRY DOCK COMPANY.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA U. S.

NOTICE TO SHIP OWNERS, AGENTS, CONSIGNEES, AND MASTERS.

THE Company's DRY DOCKS situated at Hunter's Point, San Francisco, are now completed, and in successful operation, and afford every facility for the docking and repair of all classes of Steam and Sailing Vessels.

THE GRAVING DOCK.

Excavated in the solid rock, and finished in the most substantial manner, is of the following dimensions:—Extreme length 450 feet, length on blocks 41—feet, width at top 120 feet, depth 30 feet, width at entrance 90 feet; at mean high tide will take in a ship drawing 22 feet, without lightening.

This DOCK is fitted with a Caisson Gate, and is supplied with two powerful centrifugal Steam Pumps, capable of pumping out the Dock in two hours.

THE FLOATING DRY DOCK.

Will receive Vessels of 1,500 tons measurement and under. The DOCK is 82 feet wide, and 210 feet in length, is built of the soundest Oregon Pine, thoroughly braced and bolted, and is furnished with all the requisites for docking a ship successfully. Vessels taken up at all stages of the tide.

The Company feel warranted in stating that repairs on Vessels can be made as advantageously in San Francisco, in respect to cost of materials and labour, as in any other part of the world.

For particulars, address
JAMES POLLOCK,
Superintendent.
6m 23001 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA U. S.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to take notice that the Ninth call of Fifty Dollars on the new Stock of the above-named Company is due on the 1st June next, and will be payable at the office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, where receipts for the payment thereof will be granted by the Manager.

Interest at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum will be charged after the above date.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GEORGE N. MINTO,
Secretary.
tf 442 Hongkong, 1st March, 1869.

NOTICE.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

MR. ROBERT S. WALKER has this day been appointed Secretary to the Company, and Mr. JOHN INGLIS, the present Acting Secretary, resumes his functions as managing Engineer for the Company.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ROB. S. WALKER,
Secretary.
tf 457 Hongkong, 3rd March, 1869.

UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

THE SHAREHOLDERS are requested to take notice that the fifth Call is payable in two instalments of $100 each, say:—
On 31st MARCH } next,
and 30th JUNE }
at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum will be charged after the above dates.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ROB. S. WALKER,
Secretary.
tf 359 Hongkong, 19th February, 1869.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.—On and after the 1st of March next, the office of this Company situated over the Hongkong Dispensary will be closed.

Letters can, however, be left as heretofore, in a box placed for the purpose within the same building.

The Company's Stock of Chandeliers and other fittings will, after above date, be on view at the premises of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., *Queen's Road.*

A. NEWTON,
Manager.
3m 370 Hongkong, 19th February, 1869.

The Chronicle and Directory for 1869

NOW READY.

THE Edition for 1869 is now ready for Delivery.

As already announced, the Directory is published in Two Forms, Complete at $5, or with the Lists of Residents and Port Directories only, at $3.

Copies may be obtained at the *Daily Press* Office, and of the following Agents:—
Messrs. BROWN & Co., Swatow.
" WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Amoy.
" THOMPSON & Co., Foochow.
" LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Shanghai.
" WATCHELLS, GROOS & Co., Japan.
Mr. L. P. FISHER, Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco.
Mr. GEO. STREET, 30, Cornhill, London.

NOW READY.

BOUND VOLUMES of the TRADE REPORT for the year 1868. Price $10.
Apply at the *Daily Press* Office.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1869.

The deliver of the *Daily Press* from this office commenced on Wednesday morning at 10.00, and the last messengers left this office at 10.15.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 6TH, 1869.

THE Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, in common with their Colleagues at Shanghai, are asked to give their opinion upon the one point, on which the whole of foreign trading relations with China must turn. What is to be done with regard to the Transit Dues, difficulty? Sir RUTHERFORD ALCOCK reviews the subject at great length, and appears evidently to lean towards the proposition made by the Mixed Commission, that, in consideration of 2½ per cent. Transit Dues being made no longer optional but payable as of course, no further taxes shall be charged inland on foreign Imports; while, as regards Exports, an Imperial notification shall be made of all charges and dues legally leviable throughout the provinces on native produce, and be communicated to the foreign Representatives, subject to no modification by the local authorities.

Before proceeding to the further discussion of the subject, it is well to take it under consideration from the stand-point adopted by the British Minister, and see how far the suggestion which he appears inclined to endorse is likely to put an end to the difficulties now existing.

It is noticeable, in the first place, that the proposition made by the Mixed Commission is nothing more nor less than that the clear terms of the Treaty shall be carried out, on condition of foreign nations consenting to pay an extra two and a half per cent. duties. That some such proposition as this was under consideration became known something like six months ago, and was the subject of considerable comment. The point upon which the advisability of accepting such a proposition would turn, was at once seized, both by the Chambers of Commerce and by the *Press*. What security would there be for the fulfilment of the promise that no additional taxes would be laid on the trade? If there be no more guarantee that good faith will be preserved under the new arrangement than under the old, it will amount simply to the payment of an extra two and a half per cent. duties for nothing, and the raising of increased enmity among the local officials, who will simply conclude that foreigners are combining with the Pekin authorities to filch the local revenue from them, and transfer it to the Imperial coffers.

What then is the security offered by the plan proposed by the Mixed Commission? As regards imports, the bare promise, of the Pekin authorities, and as regards exports, the issue of an Imperial notification of the charges or dues legally leviable throughout the provinces on native produce. The value of the former has already been proved by experience. Such a promise was made in the treaty of Tientsin, but almost before the ink on that instrument was dry, was flagrantly broken. As to the value of an Imperial notification with regard to the taxes leviable on native produce, this may be judged from what Sir RUTHERFORD ALCOCK says concerning the propositions made by the Hongkong Chamber that there should be an extension of the Foreign Inspectorate and by Messrs. JARDINE MATHESON & Co. that the only true remedy for the grievous evil of the Transit Dues is to be found in inland residence and its adjuncts. With respect to this, Sir RUTHERFORD says: "The objections to these proposals are numerous and some of them conclusive. Against the first, it is urged that to graft an Imperial Foreign Inspectorate upon the Inland Revenue would be to vitiate the whole theory of provincial Government and throw into still worse confusion, the working of the provincial administration and responsibility throughout the Empire. Were it the very best possible remedy for the one abuse aimed at, and every other, *the Central Government is totally incapable of undertaking such sweeping and fundamental changes*, and entirely averse to any *attempt* of this nature." With regard to inland residence, Sir RUTHERFORD says there exist equally insurmountable objections; but passing over this point for the moment, let it be observed how the above objection to the extension of the Custom House, especially in the part which is Italicised completely elucidates the value of the Imperial Edict suggested by the Mixed Commission. The security for that Edict being obeyed, is that "it will give a right of appeal to the nearest foreign Custom House establishment, which will forthwith make searching enquiry by an officer dispatched to the spot *with authority to afford redress, refund any amount surcharged, with indemnity for expenses, or loss incurred, and to report the Chinese official inculpated for punishment in the event of the charges being proved.*" How, in the name of all that is reasonable, the British Minister can quietly accept the very arrangement, as a security for the carrying out of the terms proposed by the Mixed Commission, which the Imperial Government declare themselves unable to put in force in order to apply an effectual remedy, as suggested by the Hongkong Chamber, it is utterly impossible to understand. If the local Authorities disregard the edict denouncing contravention of the tariff of inland dues when published, it is declared that the Foreign Custom House will have full power to force them to refund; but at the same time, it is stated that "the Central Government is totally incapable" of "grafting an Imperial Foreign Inspectorate upon the Inland Revenue." This means, in other words, that the Central Government is unable to prevent the Provincial Authorities from levying any taxes which they please, but has no objection to promising to do so, and to issuing—let it be carefully noted—not a proclamation fixing the duties, but an edict, *denouncing* (not forbidding) any contravention of the tariff published, and giving a right of appeal to the nearest Foreign Customs' establishment," which, as above shown by the Pekin authorities will be impotent, as they declare themselves, and *a fortiori*, those who are far their subordinates, unable to engraft the Foreign Inspectorate system on the Inland Revenue.

It might almost be thought that the matter ended here. What use it can be negotiating with the Pekin Authorities about a matter over which they confess they have no control, seems difficult to understand. The exact nature of the terms proposed by the Mixed Commission, in which conclave, by the way, there must be a pretty good preponderance of the Chinese element, will be easily understood if put into a mercantile form. Let it be supposed that the extra 2½ per cent. on the Tariff, or for Great Britain, about Tls. 4,000,000, or say £1,250,000, is the price asked for a draft drawn by the Central on the Provincial Government; the new clause in the Treaty, the draft itself; and the denunciatory Edict, the letter of advice. Would any reasonable man buy such a document? "Here is the draft," says the Central Government, all drawn up in form; I can't say that it will be paid, as I have no authority to draw it, but I have written to tell my friends in the South, that they are great rascals if they refuse, and that if they do so, they will probably be forced to pay by a junior clerk of mine, who lives down there; and supposing all this fails, why, you know, you have got *my promise.* Come! out with the extra million and a quarter pounds, you can trust *me*, it is sure to be all right." Would not the common sense answer to this be, that a man, who has broken all his previous engagements, and is drawing a bill on people against whom he has avowedly no authority to draw, is not exactly the individual to be trusted?

The following movements in H.M. fleet stationed in China may be deemed as correct. It has been decided to send home the *Rodney* and *Pearl*, the former with only a small crew and not her full complement. The *Argus* (in Japan) goes to the Cape of Good Hope, and the *Icarus* and *Cormorant* will be paid off here and recommissioned. The *Ocean*, ironclad, is to have a poop put on her, and will become flagship, while a new crew for her will come out here in October next.

A competitive examination of Acting Police Sergeants, took place in order to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sergeant Mahony, at Sowkewan, on the 18th ultimo. The following is the result:—Osley, 111 marks; Laurie, 99 marks; Lindig, 98 marks; McBeth, 96 marks; Young, 91 marks; Walker, 69 marks; Lyman, 32 marks. This is the first occasion in which this plan of appointment has been resorted to. There were some of the Acting-Sergeants who were not allowed to compete.

Intelligence has been received per *Shaftesbury* from Shanghai, touching the Races at that port. On the first day there was only a very moderate attendance, as the rain was incessant throughout the day. No proper account of the result of the first day's racing has been received, excepting that Mora-aux-dent won the Chezoko Cup and Brokers' Cup, and Thunderbolt the Hunt Cup. Emblem and Woran were also winners. On the second day, the weather was fine, and all Shanghai turned out, there being a very good attendance on the Course. The following is the result of the races:—1.—Tastlee Cup, Kingston; 2.—Shanghai Derby, The Seer; 3.—Compradores Cup, Mora-aux-dent; 4.—Fukee Cup, Woran; 5.—Presentation Cup, Challos; 6—Welter Cup, Hard Lines; and 7.—Forlorn Hope Stakes, Harmony, a very good name for the winner of the "winding up" race of the day.

SHERIFF'S COURT.

BEFORE M. S. TONNOCHEY ESQ.

Bosman v. Tung-tia-sam.

This was an inquest for the purpose of assessing the amount of damages due on a judgment given in the Supreme Court, in favour of plaintiff in the above cause. It appears that the defendant was the security on a bond given by two contractors Yip-a-fook and Loo-ko, for supplying Chinese labourers to proceed to California. Under the conditions of this contract, the contractors were to furnish certain coolies to proceed to California to work on the Pacific Railroad. The plaintiff was to furnish the coolies with their passage tickets in the steamer, was to pay to the contractors a certain sum as advance for purchasing an outfit, and to pay all expenses of conveyance to the place where the work was being prosecuted. On the other hand the contractors bound themselves to pay to the plaintiff for every man thus sent over who should abscond, desert, or refuse to work the sum of $11.00 per month for the unexpired term of seven months after their arrival. On the 15th of July, 100 men for whom tickets were supplied, were sent over by the contractors in the steamer *Colorado*, and on the arrival of the steamer at San Francisco twenty-six of these bolted. Under the contract the plaintiff, accordingly claims for these deserters the sum of $11 per month for seven months, or $77 per head from the defendant, judgment having been given against the security.

Mr. Poulsen deposed to the number of coolies for whom passage tickets were supplied on the 15th of July, and that in December last, due notice was received from plaintiff's agents that twenty-six men had deserted on their arrival at San Francisco.

The Jury returned a verdict for $2095.43 and 40s costs; that is, $2002 for breach of contract, $95.43 interest, and $9.60 costs.

Mr. Pollard, instructed by Mr. Caldwell, appeared for the plaintiff. No appearance was put in on behalf of the defendant.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

BEFORE C. MAY, ESQ.
MAY 5TH.

THE CHIEF OF THE "BUMMERS."

Thomas Duffy the chief and head of all the "bummers" &c. in Hongkong but who gratuitously calls himself a "sailorman," and William Simpson also of the "loafing fraternaty" described as an engineer but in consequence of "bad luck" "hard times" "no jobs" &c. now unemployed, were together charged with being rogues and vagabonds.

Inspector Cradock stated the character of the defendant Duffy, but as that has been so often done it is now almost superfluous, owing to the number of times Duffy has been up before the Magistrate. Of Simpson, not so much is known, but his association with Duffy looks, to say the least "fishy." The Inspector knowing that a number of loafers and destitute men were crowded together in a house in Wanchai, determined to break up the nest and accordingly took the two birds beforenamed. Two of the fraternaty were taken by other constables.

Duffy in defence informed his Worship in the old style that he had intended to have gone in the *Erl King* but was too late. He was just going to ship (never was otherwise) and he should not appear again &c.

Simpson was destitute simply because there was no work for him.

Mr. May could only do the old thing. He did not think they would ever get rid of Duffy—Sentenced to fourteen days in jail as rogues and vagabonds.

ANOTHER LOAFER.

Thomas Henry who was once a "gallant Sailor Boy" &c. but who now owing to his connection with Mr. Thomas Duffy's late establishment in Ship Street Wanchai, commonly known as the "Bummer's Delight," has sunk to the level of a destitute vagabond.

This man was found in Ship Street Wanchai in what appeared to the European Constable to be a sick state. Henry was known to be one of the herd of destitutes who crowded Duffy's house.

The accused said he was discharged from the *Shirley* and went to Blackwood's Boarding house. He there quarrelled about the shipping money and got the "kick out." He was ready to ship, (they all are) and in a few days would get over a little sickness he had.

Mr. May shipped the fellow to jail for fourteen days.

WHO STRUCK THE FIRST BLOW?

M. A. Collago, late second clerk at the Police office, but recently promoted to be accountant, *vice* Mr. Quin, has distinguished himself by appearing in the Police-court, charged with an assault on the person of Tam-a-tiang, clerk at the Chartered Mercantile Bank.

Mr. Sharp appeared for the defence, and applied for an adjournment until next day. However, after a few moments conversation, the case was put back until one o'clock.

Tam-a-tiang said he was a clerk in the Chartered Mercantile Bank. Yesterday at ten minutes past eight o'clock, in the evening, after dining with the Compradore of the Bank, he was walking home, and when near the corner of Gage-street, and Graham-street, he met the defendant and another Portuguese coming towards him. They were a little apart, and when he came up to them he made as to pass between them, but in so doing accidently pushed against the defendant Collago, but not violently. Defendant immediately shoved him and said "Why do you walk so?" and endeavoured four or five times to strike him, but failed. Defendant then struck him with a stick and injured his eye severely. He walked about ten yards and defendant followed and again caught hold of him and struck him on the cheek, knocking him down. He never struck the defendant, but merely in the first instance, endeavoured to defend himself from the attack made upon him. After he was knocked down he lay quite still, being almost insensible and in a few minutes one of A-kwong's men came along and helped him up, and they together went after defendants to near the Hollywood-road, where the defendant gave his name and address and for general information, said that "he was first clerk and accountant" at the Police-office.

By Mr. Sharp—He had dined with A-kwong, and had a very good dinner, but did not indulge in samshu, as he drank very little. He was sure the defendant must have seen him coming. He did not call defendant "d—n portuguese," he merely said, "You Portuguese, why you so proud, want to strike me." At A-kwong's house defendant said he was sorry for what he had done, and offered to pay all expenses whatever they might be.

Mr. Sharp here said, it was very evident that there had been a little scuffle between the parties, but the complainant commenced the assault by violently shoving defendant. He would admit that the defendant had done the damage to complainant's eye, but as the first assault was committed by complainant, the defendant's action was justifiable. Mr. Sharp then read to the Bench an extract from "Addison on Torts," by which it would appear a man might use any amount of violence in self defence.

Mr. May could not see that a shove would warrant a man's being knocked down with a bludgeon, nor that any amount of violence was justifiable in self defence. It had not been held so before.

Mr. Saporjee Cowerjee was then called as a witness for the Complainant and he said he was a shop-keeper in Graham-street. About eight o'clock last night, he was just coming out of doors when a little way off, he saw defendant and complainant talking together and the latter soon commenced dragging defendant in the direction of A-kwong's house. The defendant's hat was knocked off by complainant. This witness acknowledged that he did not see the beginning of the affair.

Mr. Sharp suggested it as very likely that the complainant being in a Bank, might have picked up somewhat of the "noble art of self-defence" from the European assistants.

Mr. May did not think likewise; he advised facts to be looked at, and not imagination.

Mr. Saporjee added, he saw the defendant with a stick hit complainant on the eye and knock him down. He also saw blood on complainant's face when down.

A servant of Mr. A-kwong was next called, but he knew nothing, but that there was no samshu used at Mr. Akwong's table that night.

Mr. Fuzzle Alli, was then called and corroborated the evidence given by Mr. Saporjee. He saw as he said the complainant and defendant pushing each other that is going through the regular preliminaries of a common street brawl. He was sure that defendant's hat was first knocked off.

Mr. Sharp when complainant's witnesses had been called, said he did not think that his Worship would require any evidence for the defence as the complainant's own witness said that complainant knocked off his client's hat first. He certainly thought that the case might be dismissed at the present stage of the proceedings.

Mr. May did not, he was for having the defendant's witnesses up.

A person named Favasho, whose occupation was not stated then appeared and owned to having been in defendant's company the previous evening when the occurrence took place. He and defendant were walking arm and arm, notwithstanding the warmth with of the weather. The complainant came up and pushed against Collago (witness here illustrated the aforesaid "push against," which he represented to resemble one person's running "full butt" on to another as if blind). On the complainant's pushing against defendant, the latter "politely" told him not to push in such a manner. He saw the "Chinaman" strike Collago, but did not see Collago strike the Chinaman. He could not say he saw defendant use a stick, it might have been so.

Mr. Pereira of Messrs. Heard & Co. said, he was passing by at the time of the row, but he kept off, as he did not wish to get mixed up in a street row. From where he was, however, he saw defendant strike the Chinaman with a stick.

Mr. A-kwong here informed His Worship that Callaco had been a number of times to his house, and had offered any sum to patch up affairs.

Mr. May said the complainant's story as far as he could see was not made out by the witnesses. He (complainant) had been in a street brawl, and had got the worst of it, after commencing it by knocking off the defendant's hat as the two witnesses Saporjee and Fuzzlen Alli said. With regard to the defendant, he was a Government Officer and must be very careful as had the complaint been proved by Tam-a-tiang, it would have been a very serious matter. His Worship did not consider the defendant the same as a peace officer whose duty was only to apprehend, not offer blow for blow, but as the member of any house in the colony, who might resist an assault in the street. He was very glad that the case had not been proved against defendant, whom he would warn to be very careful in his behaviour.

Discharged.

COLONIAL POLICY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—As promised in my letter of the fourth instant, I will return to Lord Bury's opening address to the Colonial Society, and make examination into the nature of the advice tendered by that Sophistical School which acknowledge Mr. Goldwin Smith in their leader.

A leader in the *London Times* on the disastrous condition of affairs in New Zealand some half-a-dozen years ago concluded by tendering the following as a programme of the course which should in future be observed as a firm policy grounded on a principle.

"All sorts of dilatory negotiations, all expediences to procure delay, all those little procrastinations which are so easy when a strong and growing nation is dealing with a weak, and disappearing tribe are justifiable. Our policy in a word is '*Wait.*' It is easier to grow into the session of a country than to conquer it."

Mr. Goldwin Smith endorsed this counsel as "Good Advice." (See "Empire," by Goldwin Smith, page 181.) It is very useful in one point of view which very likely has never formed a *Thesis* in this School of Sophists. It enables us to comprehend in the working of an Occidental mind, how the Oriental draws his programme for his obstructive policy. Given to men holding authority in China, as the golden rule to be observed in keeping the 'red bristled barbarian' at bay, it is perfectly comprehensible!

But, if it is recalled that Mr. Goldwin Smith sits in the Chair of a Professor of History, we are obliged to ask whether the Study of History does not reveal to its student that no nation ever fell that was not rotten in the core of its principles, and impress upon him also, the very serious reflection that the reflex action on the mind and morals of either an individual or nation which should practice this system of letting the truth die by default, must be of that corroding character which precedes decay and announces destruction. A Professor of History must surely be also a professor of morality.

It is in these awful utterances when such advice is tendered and endorsed in the broad light of day as 'good' counsel, that we of the Conservative School discover how far, we have already attained on that path whereon the 'revocare gradum' is not only simply impossible, but the 'vires' acquired 'in eundo' is as the square of the distance.

'Infamous and contented!' is the question proposed. 'Was this advice really accepted in New Zealand as the utterance of Sir Oracle?

Was not the course of non-action that was pursued, however identical it might appear with that prompted,—really originated in the colony itself—'mere motu' and born of its own depraved sense of right and wrong?

Naturalists tell us that there is a term when the plant is ready to be fecundated, but that nature seems sometimes destined to be disappointed by the absence of some insect on whose legs and wings the male pollen should be conveyed to the waiting plant—hence, sterility.

The colonial plant was germinated, the advice tendered in the *Times* fertilized the acclimatized plant in the colony. It jumped with events. There were a noble few who had ever held the children of the bondswomen to be given to us as our foster-sons, but this band was out-numbered and borne down by the men who drive a huckstering trade in politics, whose doctrine is Expediency *avant tout.*

This is the Experimentum in 'corpore vili' to which the student of the Blue Book can trace how those islands that teem with natural wealth and beauty are now in such a condition. One such melancholy example speaks louder than volumes of sophistical declamation.

With regard to Tito Kowaru's Christianity, had he ever been instructed in its doctrines and accepted them, he would have known that Baptism being a Sacrament, Colonel Whitmore could not repeat it, since it is not an outward rite or ceremony of exorcism. But being ignorant of this, he was, in all probability, so much the more on a level with the white men by whom he feels himself so cramped, and whom he adjures in such pathetic, yet philosophical terms to leave that land which he firmly believes to be his own ancestor. If it is deemed necessary that the true conditions of Colonial History in all its phases should be understood by all at home, so that a particular Colonial Society shall not be necessary, so in each colonial centre the same study should be pursued, it is in this good cause the melancholy example has been exhibited.

METOIKOS.

Hongkong, May 6th, 1869.

FOOCHOW.

(From a Correspondent.)

The Foochow community has lately been enlivened, in a variety of ways. First, there have been the Athletic Sports, then the Races, and lastly Theatricals, the old Dramatic Corps having been revived under the management of Dr Beaumont. The performances came off on the 10th and 23rd of April, *Poor Pillicoddy*, No. 1 *Round The Corner*, and *A Conjugal Lesson*, being given upon the first occasion, and *The Rifle and how to use it* and *Slasher and Crasher* upon the second.

The acting was good, Mr. Gilbert's *Pillicoddy*, Dr. Beaumont's *Slasher*, and the *Floff* of a gentleman whose real name did not appear on the bills, being especially successful. The first programme was too lengthy, the middle piece having, it is said, been inserted as an afterthought from a notion that otherwise the entertainment would be inadequate. Evidence was shown in some places of insufficient rehearsal, but when it is remembered that all the old scenery was burnt in the late fire, and that the affair was hastily got up during the racing season, the generally satisfactory result must be considered highly creditable to the energy of the management.

Each night there was a musical interlude, Mr. Hughes sang with much spirit and effect, and the splendid flute playing of Mr. Layborn was to use a phrase lately proverbial here, "indeed a treat."

POLITICAL PERSONALITIES.

The *Spectator*, in the course of an article combatting Lord Salisbury's assertion that education does not tend to diminish crime, illustrates its point by the following elaborate and amusing speculation upon the crimes prominent Statesmen might have fallen into, if not so fortunate as to be well educated and surrounded by all the amenities of social life:—

For our parts, much as we respect the group of administrative statemen of both parties, there is not one of them whom we cannot easily conceive, if born under less propitious circumstances, and brought up without education, as being liable, like all the rest of us, to fall into positive crime. Lord Salisbury, strong and able as he is, is undoubtedly a strong partizan, liable to very narrow views,—witness this utterance about education and crime,—and not indisposed to be arrogant and overbearing in asserting them. Suppose he had had no education, no means of living, and no social rank to widen and soften him, does anybody doubt but that he might have been one of the dangerous classes,—the *very* dangerous classes,—himself? His slight hardness in defence of property-rights might just as well have been excessive hardness in assaulting them,—they come from the same root at bottom,—and if he *had* taken to burglary, none of the crew would have been so violent against the "peelers," or a bitterer stickler for his share of the "swag."

His old opponent in the Commons, on the other had, Mr. Forster, the Vice-President of Council, had he been brought up outside the world of education and social amenities, though he would have been quite as formidable as Lord Salisbury, would have been terrible in a different way. He, it may be, might have been drawn into a Trade Union, and on behalf of such a brotherhood have a desperate character,—a terrible picket against the "knobsticks,"—an enthusiastic rattener, a stern executioner of the unlawful laws of such an ignorant and tyrannical Vehmgericht. Nay, if we may let our imagination dwell at all on so very delicate a field as the possible affinities of illustrious and intellectual men for different classes of transgression of the law, had they had none of the advantages which Lord Salisbury thinks so utterly without bearing on crime or "moral depravity," is it so absolutely impossible to imagine that—in another and very much worse world,—some disreputable double of Lord Derby, instead of taking a leap in the dark "to dish the Whigs," might have made his enemy stand and deliver on Hounslow Heath, on pain of receiving a couple of balls in his head, and ridden to York in some incredibly short time to prove an *alibi?* or that some unfortunate wretch, with a strange whiff in him of Lord Russell, might have been charged with feloniously placing obstacles across the railroad with intent to throw the up train off the rails, to gratify a grudge against some of the passengers? Is there absolutely no conceivable world in which Mr. Bright might have been a prize-fighter, or Mr. Lowe a body matcher, or Lord Westbury a devotee of vivisection practised in open contravention of the law against cruelty to inferior creatures, or Mr. Goschen an accomplished coiner, or Lord Stanley a dangerous tramp and beggar? Would Mr. Disraeli be quite unimaginable as a Leicester-square conspirator against foreign Governments under the guise of a melancholy pedlar of steel pens, or Mr. Gladstone as a promoter of bubble companies, or the Bishop of Oxford as a begging-letter writer? Is no conception more inconceivable than that some *alias* of Mr. Walpole's should have been taken up for singing doleful ditties about the streets, with six starving children as his companions, and without strict adherence to history in his lugubrious narrative? or that some smiling bumpkin, resembling a village Granville, should have been charged with turning his *bonhomie* to bad purpose in some country fair, by acting 'bonnet' to the local dicer?

WE SUPPOSE SO.—May the *Morning Advertiser* be said to "*chronicle small beer?*"—*Quiz.*

SCHNAPS.—The following extract from a diary is amusing:—I was awoke at the Inn at Hornmanstadt by a man who came with a lantern into my room before it was day. He held in his hand a glass and said distinctly "Visne Schnaps, Domine." Well pleased to hear a language I could understand in the inn, I said "Quid est schnaps." He held up his finger in the manner of a man demonstrating a proposition, and said "Schnaps Domine est res maxime necessaria omnibus hominibus omni mane."

TRADE AT PRESTON.—The cotton trade at Preston and district continues in a very depressed state, and about fifty of the employers have already given notice of a reduction of wages equal to 10 per cent. On Thursday night a crowded meeting of operatives was held. After some speeches had been made highly condemnatory of the proceedings of the masters, it was resolved unanimously, "That we stand against the proposed reduction of the masters of 10 per cent." At closing time, on Saturday afternoon, on additional notices for a reduction of 10 per cent. in the wages of the operatives had been reported. It is uncertain yet what corse will be adopted by the workpeople.

THE NEW PRESIDENT'S CABINET.

(Spectator.)

General Grant had selected before his accession a Cabinet of amateurs, and has lost his Premier and Finance Minister already. The former was Mr. Elihu Washburne, an able man, and a great friend of the President, but not in the first rank of politicians. The Senate, however, had no sooner accepted him than he "elected" to go to Paris, and was succeeded by Mr. Hamilton Fish, formerly Governor of New York. The first Finance Secretary was Mr. Stewart, owner of the great dry-goods store, and very rich; but a man utterly unknown in politics and ineligible, the law forbidding a trader to take this department. His successor is Mr. Boutwell, a Radical, member of the House. The Secretary at War is General John A. Rawlins, General Grant's old chief of Staff during his campaign on the Potomac—presumably a good appointment: and his Secretary for the Navy, Mr. Adolph Borie or Bowrie, a Philadelphian merchant of repute, but never before in public life. The Secretary for the Interior is General Cox, a young man who fought well in the war, and was recently Governor of Ohio, and the Attorney-General, one of two brothers named Hoar, lawyers of distinction in Massachusetts. General Grant is clearly determined that his Cabinet shall represent *him*, and must be held reponsible for what seems in the main very much a selection by personal liking. The omission of every leading politician is almost unprecedented.

MR. GOLDWIN SMITH AND LORD BURY.

Lord Bury, presiding at the inaugural dinner of the Colonial Society, accused Mr. Goldwin Smith—"a man of consummate ability, but a dangerous sophist"—of wishing to dismember our colonial empire. He being out of England, his friend, Mr. Thorold Rogers, comes to his defence, and gives Lord Bury a very severe chastisement. He denies that Mr. Smith ever considered them "encumbrances and sources of weakness." What he does hold, is that any attempt to govern the colonies in time of peace, or defend them in time of war, is absurd, and a real source of weakness. His teachings have not been without result. "We have given up the Ionian Islands, and are debating the wisdom of making Gibraltar a peace-offering to European justice and the honour of Spain. We have disendowed a Church in Jamaica, and are withdrawing regiments from Canada. We have informed New Zealanders that we are no longer willing to aid them in making raids on the grounds of the Maories, and Cape settlers that we will have no more Kaffir wars. We have repudiated the Dalhousie policy in India, and are seriously doubting whether the British navy shall be at the discretion of impetuous missionaries and equally impetuous consuls." Mr. Rogers is not content with defensive warfare. He attacks Lord Bury, and asks him if he really thinks that were we drawn into a war with the United States we should undertake the defence of Canada? "Does he think it just that the hard-working and overtaxed people of the United Kingdom should find an army and navy for settlers, the rapid progress of whose prosperity is proof that they are far better able to supply those means of defence than the country whose resources they appropriate? Does he believe that the forces which the people of these islands keep afoot are rendered more convenient for purposes of national defence by being squandered over the world? Canada takes our money, and repays us with a Protectionist tariff." Mr. Rogers has no objection to the new decoration, and hopes that in substituting regiments for a few yards of coloured ribbon, a few boxes of gold thread, and a few dozen emblematical devices, we may secure the loyalty of the colonists far more than could be done by maintaining a few regiments out there. This initation does, indeed, shadow forth the reconstruction of our relations with what used to be called, seven years ago, our "dependencies," now described as our "possessions," and which will be known in a few years as the independent centres of responsible self-government, whose greatness will lie in the fulness with which they rely on their own resources to do honour to the race from which they have sprung, the memories they inherit, and the institutions they adopt.

BILLIARDS.

Pall Mall Gazette.

Of the many works on billiards which have been submitted to our notice lately, that written by Mr. Roberts is the best. Of course it did not follow that this should be so simply because he was known to be the best player; for that would not necessarily have protected him from plunging into the same labyrinth of diagrams and abstruse mathematical calculations by the aid of which many very excellent players have endeavoured to teach the game. The natural common sense of Mr. Roberts has kept him clear of these absurdities—for absurdities they they really are—though doubtless it is owing to his great familiarity with the game that he has been able to place its principles before us with so much clearness and simplicity.

The first service than which Mr. Roberts has done the billiard playing public is his ridicule of pedantry. He laughs at the idea that a man cannot play just as well with his legs apart as with his legs close together. He cannot see what a "scientific bridge" has got to do with success. Mathematical or geometrical principles applied to billiards "are all humbug." A beginner must learn angles as he learns hazards; by time and attention. All arguments about strange tables and different speeds are worthless. This is the style in which he deals with professors of the precision school; and we hope to hear that he has driven them out of the field.

The great secret of success at billiards, says this great master of the art, is the power of making strokes *at any given strength*, combined with an exact knowledge of how the balls will be left by each particular exertion of force. A succession of brilliant strokes with the balls in difficult positions may be very showy; but it is no more billiards than the Balaclava charge was war. Billiards consists in playing easy strokes with such perfect mastery over the balls as always to leave an easy stroke to follow. This degree of excellence can only be obtained by assiduous practice, combined with natural gifts; for even people who call themselves pretty good players are perfectly conscious of their total inability to make certain strokes at any strength except one. A knowledge of how the balls will be left is within the reach of any man of decent memory who will take the trouble to observe the game closely during a year or two's constant play. It is when he tries to act on this knowledge that he finds the difference between himself and scientific players. And there cannot be a doubt that the first thing for a man to do, after he has learned the ordinary strokes, is to practise them by himself at every degree of strength, till he finds it makes little or no difference to him whether he hits sharply or gently. When he can do this he may call himself a good player. Let him mind the simple strokes; the brilliant ones will take care of themselves. This we may call the second point specially brought before us in this volume.

A little reflection on the above dictum by those who understand the game will lead to the inference that the hazard and not the cannon is the winning stroke at billiards. In the cannon we have to calculate the whereabouts of three balls after the stroke has been played; in the hazard, whether winning or losing, the whereabouts of only one. Most English players do, we believe, prefer the hazard game on the whole. But, it has been reserved for Mr. Roberts to place the rationale of it in this clear and convincing light. There is something very pretty, no doubt, in a succession of ingenious cannons; but after all, the losing hazard gives one the idea of greater power, and inspires one with the greater confidence in the player's ability to win. We have always felt this; but we confess never quite knew why till we read Mr. Robert's book. This is the third point to which we desire to call attention.

Fourthly, Mr. Roberts has for the first time given us some practical instructions in the art of playing "breaks." By a few simple diagrams he illustrates the positions which the several balls will take up after certain given strokes, and brings it clearly home to us why of two or three equally easy strokes upon the board one is the right game. We do not doubt that any one practising for a month with these diagrams by his side would make more progress than he could boast in a year with the aid of any other book that we are acquainted with. The principles of action herein laid down would soon be applied by students to all the situations of the game.

This volume is interspersed with some interesting anecdotes of the author's own career, and some amusing stories of billiard sharpers —stories, however, which describe tricks more possible thirty years ago than at this time.

ENGLAND AND BELGIUM.

(Spectator, March 13th.)

There is a little cloud in the European sky just now, as yet no bigger than a man's hand, but none the less deserving observation. Our statesmen are all living in a sort of paradisiacal dream of peace, cutting down naval expenses, reducing regiments reforming churches, releasing Fenians, as if war could never break out again, and all the while it is in the power of one man to plunge us into a tremendous conflict, and that one is more than half inclined to do it. We do not pretend to the smallest modicum of private information upon the relations between France and Belgium, we can hardly explain satisfactorily the strength of our own apprehension upon the subject, but still we cannot overcome an impression that danger, serious danger, is gathering there. The disagreeable discussion about the right of Belgium to keep her railways in her own hands has evidently passed into the shape of informal negotiations which are believed on all hands to be gradually embittering the relations between the two countries. The Government of Belgium would, it was hoped, while retaining its right of prohibiting such railway sales, waive its objections to the particular sale of the Luxemburg Railway to the Great Eastern of France. It has clearly not done so, or we should have had a flood of articles in the semi-official papers complimenting Belgium on her "moderation" and "good sense," and intimating that after all, and in spite of Prussia, France was somebody in the world, and when her *amour propre* was wounded Europe trembled. There has been nothing of all that. On the contrary, the inspired papers now demand a revolution is Belgium! It is impossible, they say, that there should be accord between the two countries while Belgium is governed by an electorate of only one-tenth its population. There must be universal suffrage, and M. Frére-Orban, who has shown such "suspiciousness" of France must be dismissed as a satisfaction to French sincerity and pride. A convention must be made to control railway inter communication, and the Government of Belgium, above all, must not buy up the Luxemburg railways. And then the regular old menacing complaint, which so worried Lord Clarendon at the Conference of Paris, is once more brought forward, with an irritating and irritated persistency of insistance. Belgium is a nest of revolutionists. It protects Rochefort and *La Lanterne*. Its own press is "incendiary." Regicides gather there, and enemies of society like the students who met at Liége, and wanted in the name of all the virtues to abolish Heaven. Prussia, so far from objecting, ought to aid in the good work of putting down such a state, and teaching it to be an orderly, that is, a dependent, little power. This is the language of the Press, and simultaneously with it the French Minister in Brussels and the Belgian Minister in Paris are summoned home, "to consult," and their return is, on one pretext or another, delayed.

All this would not matter so much, were there not a war party in France, headed by one of the Emperor's most powerful supporters,—Marshal Niel, Minister at War, who has perfected the Army organization; and were not the situation of France in regard to the guaranteeing Powers so very exceptional. Five Powers in 1831 guaranteed by formal treaty the perpetual independence and neutrality of the Belgian State, and in 1838 Holland acceded to the agreement. Of these, France appears now disposed to assert that Belgium in prohibiting railway fusions, in protecting hostile pamphleteers, and in supporting a Ministry suspicious to France but friendly to Prussia, is violating that moral as well as material neutrality which is her condition of independence. She is becoming, as the *Pays*, for instance, is so fond of repeating, an outwork of Germany, instead of a bulwark against Germany. France, therefore, feels herself absolved from the guarantee, and who is to uphold it? Prussia? That is precisely what the war party desire, a quarrel with Prussia for an adequate stake, the French provinces of Belgium and the Rhine. Russia? Napoleon expects her to act with Prussia, and has made all his efforts at new combinations contingent on that expectation. Austria? It is difficult to believe that the defeated Saxon who now governs Austria would lose such a chance of paying off old scores, and re-establishing the position of the Hapsburgs in Germany—a position they have given up with much the same resignation as a squire gives up his position in the county. Holland? Holland is not strong enough, and if it were, it is by no means clear that Holland is friendly Belgium, or that she would decline a share of the spoil. Her King offered to sell Luxemburg, and her people feel severely the cramping influence of their narrow territory, with its heavy taxation. There remains England, and it is to the position of England that we wish to call attention. If she is firm in her alliance with Belgium, all is safe, for it is scarcely conceivable that Napoleon, cautious as he is, if not far-sighted, would engage in a combat *à outrance* with Germany and England combined. The odds would be too heavy, the chances of a general combination of Europe against him too numerous, the stake, in truth, too big for a man not utterly desperate to play. If, therefore, the Emperor of the French is moving in this direction,—a movement which we do not pretend to affirm, but which many circumstances conspire to make possible,—it must be because he has reason to believe, or thinks he has reason to believe, that Great Britain would not comply with a Belgian demand for aid, that the whole work would be left to North Germany and the Continental Powers. He either deems England indifferent, or considers that our policy for the time is fixed, —to abstain from war unless directly menaced or attacked.

Is this our policy, or not? If it is not, then we are acting very foolishly in suffering Napoleon to believe it is. It is a repetition of the old blunder with respect to the Czar Nicholas. We then talked peace so loudly that he at last believed the haughtiest nation in Europe would return thanks for blows, that we had forgotten how to fight, and under that belief pressed on till retreat had become impossible either for him or for us. Trusting in English indifference, the Emperor of the French might easily take steps from which it would be impossible to recede without humiliation, but which he would never have taken had he but understood the latent feeling of Great Britain. It is by no means impossible that our present mood of utter indifference to Continental events may lead him once more into an error which he has committed several times,—in the beginning of the Mexican Expedition, in the Polish affair, and twice or thrice in the American war,—the mistake of confusing the "opinion" of a class with real popular feeling. No mistake could be so disastrous, and if there is any reality in the Belgian squabble, we are making it. We are precipitating a war by an apparent resolution never to engage in it. Of course, if the resolution is real, we are acting sensibly, though very selfishly; but we distrust that assumption. Nobody ever can tell what the British people will think about a challenge to battle till the challenge is given, for nobody till then can compel them to understand the question at stake. Sometimes they will not fight even then, as was the case with regard both to the affair of the *Charles et George* and the annexation of Savoy, and sometimes they will take a Minister's head for hesitating to fight. In this case, were we Manchester men, we should distrust them greatly. The more they look into the Belgian claim to assistance, the less they will like to disregard it. The words of the guarantee are clear and explicit, and bind us not to Europe, but to Belgium, and have been so interpreted for thirty-eight years by statesmen of all parties, even by Lord Stanley, who once declared that the one real guarantee England had ever given was on behalf of Belgium. We say nothing of the danger in which our own interests might be placed by such an extension of French territory, for did the contingency occur, we should hear enough, and to spare, of that very doubtful point, but confine ourselves to the one argument which will come home to the popular mind. In deserting Belgium, if she implores our assistance, we shall be breaking a clear and recognized pledge, acted on for thirty-eight years, because it is highly inconvenient to go to war, or, as it will be more popularly put, because we are afraid of France. Any one who reckons confidently, under those circumstances, on the humility or the patience of the British people does not understand them, and it is towards those circumstances that we drift.

At Bow-street police-office, on Saturday last Colonel Henry Fuller, proprietor and editor of the *Cosmopolitan* newspaper, was summoned by Mr. J. G. Harding, of Weston-super-Mare, for having published a libel in his paper. The defence was, in substance, a justification, which Mr. Knox considered he had no power to deal with, and the defendant was, therefore, committed for trial; bail, however, being accepted for his appearance.

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MR. JOHN C[...] Attorney i[...]
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I HAVE estab[...] Osaka, as C[...] General Agent.
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MR. D. O. CL[...] and Mr. J[...] E. D. BARBOUR [...] this date.
6m 12 China, [...]

THE Partnersh[...] style of AL[...] HOOPER & Co. [...] the 31st Decembe[...] Mr. W. J. ALT [...] will continue the f[...] of ALT & Co.
Mr. JOHN R. H[...] self under the sty[...] at 32, Great St. H[...] as our special age[...]
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To Dr Yearsley.—Is "singing in the ear" caused by there being a "musical box" on it?—Judy.

What do they Mean?—The *Daily Telegraph*, in a leader on the 1st instant, said "Mr. Gladstone's mind has in it more of the poetic cast—of the female element." Female element? Do they mean of the *old woman*?—*Judy*.

Twenty or thirty years ago, when missionary enterprise was in its infancy among the islands of the South Seas, Captain Summers anchored his sloop-of-war off one of the Marquesas. The next morning he saw an American floating from the beach, Union down. This excited him fearfully, and he sent off a boat at once to inquire into the matter. Presently the boat returned, and brought a grave-looking missionary. The captain's anxiety ran high. "What's the trouble out there?" he asked, "quick!"—"Well, I am grieved sir," replied the missionary, "that the natives have been interrupting our sacerdotal exercises."—"What—what was it you said they'd been doing?"—"It pains me, sir, to say that they have been interrupting our sacerdotal exercises."—"Man them starboard guns! Stand by, now, to give 'em the whole battery!" exclaimed the captain. The astonished missionary hastened to protest against such rigorous measures, and finally succeeded in making the old tar understand that the natives had only been breaking up a prayers-meeting. "Oh, is that all?" said he; "I thought you meant that they'd stopped your grog!"

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Hongkong, Tuesday Evening.

The drug market continues quiet and dull. The following are the ruling prices:—New Patna, $620 to $622½; New Benares, $605, nominal; Old Patna, $630, nominal; Old Benares, $615, nominal; Malwa, $640 to $645, nominal.

The market for manufactured imports remains very quiet, and although there is considerable disposition on the part of the Chinese to purchase, they will not give the prices demanded. There have been a few sales to-day; 1,000 pieces 7lbs. T-Cloth at $2.15, 240 pieces Black Velvets at 22½ cents, 50 bales No. 28/32 Yarn, Flower Tie, at $142½, 20 bales No. 38/42 at $147½, red and white. Sales of Raw Cotton amount to 45 bales Bombay at $17.35, and 17 bales Bengal at $17.25 to $20.50. There has been some business doing in Lead and transactions are reported of 500 pigs at $7.40 L.B., and 800 pigs at $7.25. There is nothing to report in shares. The following goods were disposed of by public auction:—800 pieces 8/4 Grey Shirtings at $2.76 to $2.78, sea damaged; 500 pieces Dyed Spots Gentian, the dye having affected the fabric of the cloth, $3.00 per piece; 3,400 dozen Handkerchiefs at 70 to 72 cents.

EXCHANGE.

On London.—
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight ... 4/7
Credits, at 6 months' sight ... 4/7¼ to 4/7½
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight ... 4/7½ to 4/8
Bank Bills on demand ... 4/5½
On Shanghai.—
Bank, 3 days' sight ... 74¼
Private, 30 days' sight ... 75¼
On Calcutta.—Bank, 3 days' sight ... 229
" Bombay.—Bank, 3 days' sight ... 229

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old ... 35 prem.
" " New ... 16½ prem.
H'kong & W'poa Dock, Old ... 4 dis.
" " New ... 5 "
H'kong C'ton & Macao Steam Boat Shares ... 7 to 8 prem.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares ... $253 prem.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares ... $70 to $75 pr. per s.
Union Dock Shares ... 25 dis.
Hongkong Hotel Shares ... 50

SALES ON MAY 5TH, 1869.
As reported by Chinese.

Calcutta Cotton, 40 bales, at $18.15, by Nowrojee & Co. to Yuet-wo-loong.
Cotton Yarn, No. 28-32, 50 bales, at $145.00, by John Burd & Co. to Yue-kee.
Cotton Yarn, No. 40, 20 bales, at $150.00, by Holliday, Wise & Co. to Kin-hing cheong.
Nail Rod Iron, 1,000 bundles, at $2.81, by Holliday, Wise & Co. to Sew-loong.
Nail Rod Iron, 2,000 bundles, at $2.40, by Holliday, Wise & Co. to Sew-loong.
Nail Rod Iron, 2,200 bundles, at $1.90, by Borneo Co. Limited to Wai-on.
Round Iron, 600 piculs, at $1.90, by Borneo Co. Limited to Wai-on.
Wood Oil, 50 tubs, at Tls. 6.2.0, by Fook-mow-loong to travelling merchant.
Mangrove Bark, 500 piculs, at $1.12, by Fook-mow-loong to travelling merchant.
Saltpetre, 30 bags, at $6.80, by Fook-wing-loong to travelling merchant.
Sulphur, 200 piculs, at $1.90, by Fook-wing-loong to travelling merchant.
Rice, 2,500 piculs, at $1.65, by Hop-hing by retail.
Rice, 1,000 piculs, at $1.70, by Hop-hing by retail.
Cuttlefish, 30 bags, at $32.70, by Hop-hing to Hongkong merchant.

Notices of Firms.

THE business of Kinnear & Co., Foochow, will be carried on, from and after this date, under the style and firm of KINNEAR, LARKEN & Co., the partners therein being Mr. William Balfour Kinnear and Mr. Thomas Lancaster Larken.
WILLIAM BALFOUR KINNEAR.
tf 862 Foochow, 1st May, 1869.

NOTICE.
IN connection with Messrs. R. Dhunjeeshaw & Co., of Bombay, and Messrs. Framjee Hormusjee & Co., of Shanghai, we have this day commenced business at this place, as Merchants and General Commission Agents. Our firm consists of Mr. Rustomjee Dhunjeeshaw and Mr. Framjee Hormusjee, and Mr. Dadabhoy Muncherjee is authorized to sign it.
FRAMJEE HORMUSJEE & Co.
Hollywood Road, No. 7,
Hongkong, 20th April, 1869. 1m 799

MR. JOHN FAIRBAIRN and Mr. JOHN SAMUEL COX will sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
3m 763 Hongkong, 15th April, 1869.

MR. F. GROBIEN has this day been admitted a partner in our firm.
SANDER & Co.
1m 805 Hongkong, 21st April, 1869.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself as a Public Accountant, Average Adjuster, and General Commission Agent.
C. LANGDON DAVIES.
tf 1243 Hongkong, 1st July, 1868.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. O. Zachariae, in our firm at this port, ceased on the 1st of January, 1869.
BIELFELD & ZACHARIAE.
7d 856 Shanghai, 30th April, 1869.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. Bielfeld, in our firm at this port, ceased on the 1st of January, 1869.
BIELFELD & ZACHARIAE.
7d 857 Hongkong, 30th April, 1869.

NOTICE.
MR. JOHN GERRARD will act as our Attorney in China, from this date.
FRED. M. HARSANT.
GEORGE A. F. NORRIS.
1m 799 Hongkong, 20th April, 1869.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at Kobe and Osaka, as Commission Merchant and General Agent.
HENRY LUCAS.
tf 773 Hongkong, 17th April, 1869.

NOTICE.
MR. D. O. CLARK retires from our firm, and Mr. J. Murray Forbes and Mr. E. D. Barbour are admitted partners from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
6m 12 China, 1st January, 1869.

NOTICE.
THE Partnership hitherto existing under the style of Alt & Co., in Japan, and Alt, Hooper & Co., in London, was dissolved on the 31st December last, by mutual consent.
Mr. W. J. Alt and Mr. Richard Lindau will continue the firm in Japan, under the style of Alt & Co.
Mr. John R. Hooper has established himself under the style of John R. Hooper & Co., at 32, Great St. Helens, London, and will act as our special agent there.
ALT & Co.
1m 836 Hiogo, Osaka, 10th April, 1869.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
WE have this day admitted Mr. Benjamin E. Gall as a Partner in our firm.
FAWCETT & Co.
tf 643 Hongkong, 1st April, 1869.

FROM this date Mr. George E. Lane will act as Agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this port.
GEO. F. BOWMAN.
tf 526 Hongkong, 15th March, 1869.

NOTICE.
THE interest and responsibility of Mr. William Neilson in our Firm ceased on the 30th June last.
Mr. Tobias Pim, Mr. William Nisbet Olmsted, and Mr. H. Seymour Geary, are authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong and China from this date.
OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 1601 Hongkong, 6th October, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. Edwin Henry How in our Firm ceased on the 31st December, 1868.
Referring to the following notice of change in the Firm, the remaining Partner, Mr. W. P. Galton, is authorized to settle all outstanding accounts.
E. H. HOW & Co.
tf 658 Foochow, March, 1869.

NOTICE.
THE business hitherto carried on by Messrs. E. H. How & Co., was on the 1st January, amalgamated with that of Mr. R. R. Westall; and will be continued under the style of Firm of WESTALL, GALTON & Co.
tf 659 Foochow, March, 1869.

NOTICE.
MR. WILLIAM MAUNSELL REEVES is authorised to sign our Firm, per procuration.
WESTALL, GALTON & Co.
tf 660 Foochow, March, 1869.

Vessels on the Berth.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.
THE Steamship "KWANG-TUNG," Capt. Pitman, will have immediate dispatch for the above Ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 896 Hongkong, 5th May, 1869.

FOR SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, & TIENTSIN.
(Loading at Canton and Hongkong.)
THE Steamship "BERTHA," Capt. Mooney, will have immediate dispatch for the above ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 782 Hongkong, 13th April, 1869.

FOR NAGASAKI AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship "FUSI-YAMA," Captain A. D. Dundas, will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY next, the 8th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
4d 893 Hongkong, 5th May, 1869.

FOR LONDON.
THE British Barque "CHIDLINGHAM," has room for 350 tons measurement goods, and will meet with quick dispatch.
For Freight, apply to
BOURJAU, HUBENER & Co.
tf 894 Hongkong, 5th May, 1869.

FOR YOKOHAMA.
THE A 1 British brig "NIL DESPERANDUM," will be dispatched as above, in about five days.
For Freight, &c., apply to
CHAS. C. COHEN & Co.
7d 881 Hongkong, 4th May, 1869.

FOR MANILA.
THE Spanish schooner "DENIA," Onaindi, Master, will have quick dispatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
tf 828 Hongkong, 26th April, 1869.

FOR PORTLAND (COLUMBIA RIVER).
THE British ship "ONWARD," Capt. Whyte, will have immediate dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
tf 812 Hongkong, 22nd April, 1869.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE American Barque "PARSEE," 540 Tons Register, Soule, master, having the greater part of her cargo engaged, will have quick dispatch.
For Freight, apply to
BOSMAN & Co.
tf 788 Hongkong, 20th April, 1869.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE British ship "JOHN L. DIMMOCK," Capt. Winchell, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 742 Hongkong, 14th April, 1869.

FOR NEW YORK.
THE American barque "A. W. STEVENS," will load here and at Whampoa for New York, and have dispatch.
For Freight, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 718 Hongkong, 12th April, 1869.

FOR MELBOURNE, *(Direct.)*
THE Clipper Barque "SALACIA," Capt. Stuart, having the greater portion of her Cargo and Passengers engaged, will be dispatched for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
tf 651 Hongkong, 1st April, 1869.

FOR MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.
THE Clipper-ship "CHELSEA," Capt. William J. Lowe, having the greater portion of her Cargo and Passengers engaged, will have quick dispatch for the above ports.
For Freight or Passage apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
tf 584 Hongkong, 23rd March, 1869.

FOR SYDNEY *(Direct).*
THE British Barque "ATREVIDA," Capt. Bisset, having the greater portion of her Cargo and Passengers engaged, will be dispatched immediately for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
tf 670 Hongkong, 5th April, 1869.

FOR SALE, FREIGHT, OR CHARTER.
THE A 1 British Screw Steamer "JAPAN," 473 Tons Register. Apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 889 Hongkong, 5th May, 1869.

GEORGE GLASSE,
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10.—In the event of a Money Order miscarrying or being lost, a duplicate will be granted on a written application from the Payee (containing the necessary particulars, and accompanied by an additional Commission) to the Office where the original Order was payable.
11.—On the receipt of a similar application, orders will be given to stop payment of a Money Order, or to renew a lapsed Order. The additional Commission in the last case will be deducted from the amount of the new Order. Lapsed Orders must be presented with the application for a new Order.
12.—But when it is desired that any error in the name of the Remitter or Payee should be corrected, or that the amount of a Money Order should be repaid to the Remitter, or that a Lapsed Order should be renewed for payment in the Country in which the Order was originally drawn, application must be made to the Chief Money Order Office of such Country. This application must be accompanied by an additional Commission, unless it have reference to a Lapsed Order, in which case the Commission will be deducted from the amount of the New Order.
13.—Repayment whether of an original, or renewed, or a duplicate Order, will not be made to the remitter until it has been ascertained that the advice has been cancelled at the Office on which the Order was originally drawn.
14.—Payment of an Order must be obtained before the end of the Sixth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn; for instance, if drawn in January, payment must be obtained before the end of July, otherwise the Order will become lapsed, and a new Order (for which a second Commission, to be deducted from the amount of the Order, will be charged) will become necessary.
15.—If an Order be not paid before the end of the Twelfth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn,—for instance, if drawn in January and not paid before the end of the following January—all claim to the Money will be forfeited, unless, under peculiar circumstances, the Post Office of the Country in which the Order was drawn think proper to allow it.
17.—No Money Order will be paid unless the advice has been previously received.
19.—Should it appear that Money Orders are used by mercantile men, or others, either in the United Kingdom or at Hongkong, Shanghai, or Yokohama, for the transmission of large sums of money, the British or Colonial Post Office, as the case may be, will consider the propriety of increasing the Commission, and will exercise the power of wholly suspending for a time the issue of Money Orders.
By Command
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1865.

1.—With reference to the notification of the 22nd ultimo, it is hereby further notified by direction of His Excellency the Governor, that on and after Monday, the 2nd November next, Money Orders will be granted at this office on the Post-offices at Shanghai and Yokohama, and in like manner Money Orders will be granted at Shanghai and Yokohama upon this office, for sums not exceeding Fifty Dollars, at the ruling rates for dollars, charged with the following rates of commission, viz.:—
On Orders not exceeding ... $25, 15 cents.
Above $25 and not exceeding $50, 30 "
2.—The Money Orders will in each case be drawn in dollars and cents.
3.—All payments for Money Orders, whether by the public to the post-office or by the post-office to the public, will be made in current dollars.
4.—The stipulations contained in the notification of the 22nd August last, so far as they are applicable, will be enforced in conducting the local Money Order system between Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster-General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 9th Sept., 1868.

It is hereby notified that, under the provisions of a Treasury Warrant, dated the 7th May, the Postage on a Letter not exceeding half-an-ounce in weight posted in Hongkong or at any of the Ports in China and Japan addressed to Egypt, or posted in Egypt addressed to Hongkong or any of the Ports in China and Japan, and conveyed in the Mails by British Packet, is reduced from Twenty-four Cents to Twelve cents.
For Letters exceeding half-an-ounce in weight a further rate of Twelve Cents for each half-ounce is chargeable.
Prepayment of the Postage is compulsory.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 15th July, 1868.

It is hereby notified that, under the authority of a Treasury Warrant dated the 1st May last, Superintending, or First Class Schoolmasters in the Army will, in future, be entitled to the same privileges in regard to Letters sent by or addressed to them on their own private affairs as are at present enjoyed by Commissioned Officers in the Army; and all Army Schoolmistresses will be entitled (as Army Schoolmasters of all but the First Class now are) to the same privileges, in regard to their Letters, as are enjoyed by non-Commissioned Officers and Private Soldiers.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 31st July, 1868.

Extracts.

Life at Sea.

How often have we known the lives of seamen needlessly sacrificed by the utter carelessness, not to say indifference, of their officers or shipmates, either by being unnecessarily ordered on a hazardous duty without due precautions, by equally needless long-continued exertion in a perilous position, by letting go ropes which should not have been touched whilst the unfortunate man was in the position from which he lost his life, or by other equally obviously preventible causes. An inquest would have brought these facts out, and even if no punishment followed, yet, by its publicity, the repetition of similar occurrences would have been materially lessened. If this be so even in a ship of war, how much more is it likely to be the case in a merchant ship, where other causes of death of a violent and more culpable character are by no means infrequent. No observant reader of those proceedings in our police courts in which seamen are involved can fail to observe how possible it is for unquestioned deeds of violence, or culpable negligence, to jeopardize the lives of seamen employed in merchant ships navigating distant seas far from the reign of law, of social influence, of public opinion, and the press. Can any one acquainted with the reckless sacrifice of life at sea fail to appreciate the value of the recommendation made in the report before us, that, "In case of loss of life, whether by wreck or accident, there should be an official investigation, similar to a coroner's inquest, at the first British port at which the remainder of the officers and crew may arrive, and the unavoidable absence of the body should not prevent the inquiry, although it might prevent the charge of murder from being brought in, except under the certificate of a public prosecutor"? Nor would the discoveries of the proposed nautical courts of inquest inculpate only officers and crew. They would throw light on dark deeds which have "reckless, greedy selfishness" of unprincipled speculators as their foundation. As winter closes in we are annually treated to newspaper paragraphs headed "Daring Act of Seamanship," "A True Seaman," &c., and telling some story of a captain and the residue of a crew struggling for life against what appears to be the overwhelming force of the elements in an attempt to bring an overladen, ill-found, rotten ship with a cargo of timber from the North American colonies to England, or to get a ship known to be in a sinking condition out of a British port and down the English or Irish channel with a view to a distant destination. To read the story as given one would suppose that some uncommon hurricane had overtaken the vessel, and the lives of the crew had fallen a prey to the unforeseen decrees of Providence, but looking over the other columns of the newspaper, and exercising the smallest modicum of common sense, we may safely conclude that hundreds of ships made fair weather of the same gale and reached their destination not only unharmed, but their crews quite ignorant that any unusual winds or seas had been experienced. These are not isolated cases, not is their origin difficult to discover. Any means by which legal acumen could be set in motion to investigate the causes of these disasters would alter materially the complexion of the story, add, a few unprincipled shipowners to the public works at Portland or Chatham, and prevent the recurrence of the necessity of most of these "daring acts of seamanship."—*Fraser's Magazine.*

The Volcanic Peaks of Java.

The fact of a vegetation so closely allied to that of Europe occurring on isolated mountain peaks, in an island south of the Equator, while all the lowlands for thousands of miles around are occupied by a flora of a totally different character, is very extraordinary, and has only recently received an intelligible explanation. The Peak of Teneriffe, which rises to a greater height and is much nearer to Europe, contains no such Alpine flora; neither do the mountains of Bourbon and Mauritius. The case of the volcanic peaks of Java is therefore somewhat exceptional, but there are several analogous, if not exactly parallel cases, that will enable us better to understand in what way the phenomena may possibly have been brought about. The higher peaks of the Alps, and even of the Pyrenees, contain a number of plants absolutely identical with those of Lapland, but nowhere found in the intervening plains. On the summit of the White Mountains, in the United States, every plant is identical with species growing in Labrador. In these cases all ordinary means of transport fail. Most of the plants have heavy seeds, which could not possibly be carried such immense distances by the wind; and the agency of birds in so effectually stocking these Alpine heights is equally out of the question. The difficulty was so great that some naturalists were driven to believe that these species were all separately created twice over on these distant peaks. The determination of a recent glacial epoch, however, soon offered a much more satisfactory solution, and one that is now universally accepted by men of science. At this period, when the mountains of Wales were full of glaciers, and the mountainous parts of Central Europe, and much of America north of the great lakes, were covered with snow and ice, and had a climate resembling that of Labrador and Greenland at the present day, an Arctic flora covered all these regions. As this epoch of cold passed away, and the snowy mantle of the country, with the glaciers that descended from every mountain summit, receded up their slopes and towards the north pole, the plants receded also, always clinging as now to the margins of the perpetual snow line. Thus it is that the same species are now found on the summits of the mountains of temperate Europe and in the barren north-polar regions. But there is another set of facts which helps us on another step towards the case of the Javanese mountain flora. On the higher slopes of the Himalaya, on the tops of the mountains of Central India and of Abyssinia, a number of plants occur which, though not identical with those of European mountains, belong to the same genera and are said by botanists to represent them; and most of these could not exist in the warm intervening plains. Mr. Darwin believes that this class of facts can be explained in the same way; for, during the greatest severity of the glacial epoch, temperate forms of plants will have extended to the confines of the tropics, and on its departure, will have retreated up these southern mountains, as well as northward to the plains and hills of Europe. But in this case, the time elapsed, and the great change of conditions, have allowed many of these plants to become so modified that we now consider them to be distinct species. A variety of other facts, of a similar nature have led him to believe that the depression of temperature was at one time sufficient to allow a few north-temperate plants to cross the Equator (by the most elevated routes) and to reach the Antarctic regions, where they are now found. The evidence on which this belief rests, will be found in the latter part of Chapter II. of the "Origin of Species," and, accepting it for the present as an hypothesis, it enables us to account for the presence of a flora of European type on the volcanoes of Java. It will, however, naturally be objected that there is a wide expanse of sea between Java and the continent, which would have effectually prevented the immigration of temperate forms of plants during the glacial epoch. This would undoubtedly be a fatal objection, were there not abundant evidence to show that Java has been formerly connected with Asia, and that the union must have occurred at about the epoch required. The most striking proof of such a junction is, that the great mammalia of Java, the rhinoceros, the tiger, and the banteng, or wild ox, occur also in Siam and Burmah, and these would certainly not have been introduced by man. The Javanese peacock and several other other birds are also common to these two countries; but, in the majority of cases, the species are distinct, though closely allied, indicating that a considerable time (required for such modification) has elapsed since the separation, while it has not been so long as to change. Now this exactly corresponds with the time we should require since the temperate forms of plants entered Java. These are almost all now distinct species; but the changed conditions under which they are now forced to exist, and the probability of some of them having since died out on the continent of India, sufficiently accounts for the Javanese species being different.—*The Malay Archipelago. By Alfred Russel Wallace.*

AP-PAUL-ING ENTERTAINMENT.—Mr. Howard Paul, who is always indulging in some form of eccentric advertising, announces in the *Daily Telegraph* that he will give £5 for a short, sharp title for his Entertainment at St. James's Hall. We will present him with one and forego the prize. "Check!" That's short and sharp enough, and in Mr. Paul's case more or less appropriate—which cannot be said of all titles.—*Quiz.*

HAS HE?—Dr. Manning has given orders hat all good Catholics in his diocese will, for the future, be expected to fast on Star-fish.—*Quiz.*

Houses, Lands, Tenements, &c

TO LET.

TO BE LET,
From the 1st proximo.
THAT palatial HOUSE, in *Caine-road*, called "Persepolis" having in all twelve magnificent rooms, with four Bath-rooms, and offices for servants; a large garden with fountain; and commanding the entire view of the harbour.
The house has been amply fitted with gas chandeliers, wall brackets, &c., &c.; and has also water-pipes laid on.
It has also a large stable, accommodating four horses and carriages, apply to
DORABJEE NOWROJEE,
Opposite to the Oriental Bank Corporation.
tf 873 Hongkong, April 3rd, 1869.

TO LET,
(From the 1st June, 1869),
THE HOUSE, No. 27, *Wyndham Street*, Apply to
J. A. DE CARVALHO.
tf 854 Hongkong, 30th April, 1869.

TO LET,
THAT 3 Storied HOUSE, situated No. 40, *Hollywood Road*, commanding the whole view of the Harbour, with moderate rent. Apply at
No. 42, Hollywood Road.
14d 855 Hongkong, 30th April, 1869.

TO LET,
With immediate possession.
TWO commodious two-storied Granite GODOWNS, at Wanchi, (adjoining the Union Dock Company's timber yard), on which property, also, STORAGE can be had at moderate terms.
For particulars, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 810 Hongkong, 27th April, 1869.

TO LET,
(With immediate possession.)
SEVERAL Strong commodious GODOWNS, very conveniently situated on Marine Lot No. 63, between Messrs. JOHN BURD & Co.'s premises and Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s Wharf.
For Particulars, apply to
A. McLEOD,
At Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 829 Hongkong, 26th April, 1869.

TO LET.
THREE HOUSES, in that very desirable locality "Seymour Terrace," Apply to
THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
53, Wyndham Street.
1m 830 Hongkong, 26th April, 1869.

TO LET,
In Caine Road.
THAT Newly erected semi-detached HOUSE, corner of Shelley Street, containing 8 Rooms, Bath Rooms, Stabling, Garden, &c., &c., with fine view of the harbour. Apply to
THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
53, Wyndham Street.
1m 831 Hongkong, 26th April, 1869.

TO LET.
A DESIRABLE Granite GODOWN, at *Wanchi*, convenient to the water.
For particulars, apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 771 Hongkong, 17th April, 1869.

TO LET.
NO. 3, *Pechili Terrace*, with immediate possession. Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
tf 772 Hongkong, 17th April, 1869.

TO RENT.—A large, dry and well ventilated GODOWN, of 1,500 tons capacity, in *Queen's Road Central*, or storage at moderate rates.
RAY & Co.
1m 787 Hongkong, 13th April, 1869.

TO LET.
THE upper part of the house, No. 94, Queen's Road Central, with very airy Rooms, Verandah, &c. suitable for a Family.
Also,
2 Rooms below, suitable for Offices. Apply to
WM. SCHMIDT & Co.
tf 674 Hongkong, 5th April, 1869.

TO LET.
TWO OFFICES in the Hongkong Hotel. Apply for further information at the Hongkong Hotel Office.
tf 648 Hongkong, 1st April, 1869.

TO LET.
With Possession on the 1st May Next.
THOSE very desirable Business Premises, situated in the *Queen's Road*, and extending to the Praya, at present occupied by Messrs. BOWRA & Co.
This property can be divided into three portions—that in the Praya is detached, and contains extensive Godowns in the ground and middle floors, with private residence on the upper floor and separate entrance thereto.
The portion abutting on the *Queen's Road*, from its very central position, is admirably adapted for a Shop or Store, having Godowns on the basement floor, and Dwelling Apartment on the upper floor.
The central portion consist of two Blocks of Buildings, each two storied, and suitable for Offices and Godowns.
For Particulars, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 426 Hongkong, 1st March, 1869.

TO LET.
WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.—That desirable Bungalow situated at Pokfoolum, and known as *Belmont*. Apply to
GILMAN & Co.
tf 425 Hongkong, 1st March, 1869.

TO LET.
A CONVENIENTLY Situated HOUSE in *Chancery Lane*. Rent moderate.
Apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
tf 1895 Hongkong, 6th October, 1868.

TO LET.
HOUSES, commodious in every respect, in that healthy and desirable locality, viz., *Mosque Terrace*. Apply to
JOHN GERRARD.
tf 283 Hongkong, 4th February, 1869.

LIGHTERAGE AND STORAGE.
THE Undersigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coals, and other Merchandise in their own Boats, and to receive the same on storage in first class GRANITE GODOWNS on moderate terms.
ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.
tf Hongkong, 4th March, 1867.

TO LET.
TWO HOUSES on *Carlton Terrace*, Spring Gardens, with or without Godowns. Rent moderate. Apply to
LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.
tf 2061 Hongkong, 6th September, 1867.

TO LET.
With immediate possession.
THE HOUSE and OFFICES, No. 4, *Gough Street*, lately occupied by Messrs. A. WILKINSON & Co. Apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 1957 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

TO LET.
FOR a term of years, with early possession, those desirable premises in Bank Buildings situated between the Agra Bank and Comptoir d'Escompte, at late in the occupation of the Bank of Hindustan, China, and Japan. The principal building is very suitable for division into Offices or Chambers.
For further particulars, apply to
GILMAN & Co.
tf 697 Hongkong, 17th April, 1867.

TO LET.
LARGE Airy Rooms—Furnished or Unfurnished. Apply to
A. MILLAR.
Queen's Road East.
tf 1926 Hongkong, 10th October, 1868.

CLUB CHAMBERS, D'AGUILAR STREET.
A FEW Sets of these desirable Chambers are now vacant, and can be had on reasonable terms. Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 2147 Hongkong, 14th November, 1868.

TO BE LET.
THE very desirable business premises lately occupied by Messrs. LYALL, STILL & Co.; a portion of which are now occupied by Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.—with large and commodious dwelling-house and extensive Godowns on the *Praya*.
For full Particulars, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
tf 2384 Hongkong, 16th December, 1868.

HOUSES TO LET.
IN various Parts of Hongkong. A list of HOUSES with *size, locality* and *terms* can be seen at No. 53, *Wyndham Street*.
THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
tf 642 Hongkong, 11th March, 1867.

To Let.

TO LET,
With possession from 15th April.
THE Desirable Commodious family Residence No. 11, *Arbuthnot Road*, at present occupied by the undersigned.
For particulars, apply to
GEO. F. MACLEAN.
tf 607 Hongkong, 27th March, 1869.

TO LET.
THE two Houses, in *Robinson Road*, South-west of the *Albany*, lately in the occupation of the War-Department.
For particulars, apply to
GEO. F. MACLEAN.
tf 608 Hongkong, 27th March, 1869.

TO LET.
THE PREMISES at present occupied by the Undersigned as a Store.
Possession on the 1st JUNE NEXT.
THOS. HUNT & Co.
tf 726 Hongkong, 13th April, 1869.

TO LET.
TWO Commodious HOUSES, situated in *Spring Gardens*, possessing a thorough view of the harbour. Apply to
D. NOWROJEE,
Opposite to ORIENTAL BANK.
tf 291 Hongkong, 5th February, 1869.

NOTICE.—TO LET.
THE desirable PREMISES on the *Queen's Road*, lately in the occupation of the ASIATIC BANK.
For particulars, apply to
SMITH, ARCHER & Co.
tf 929 Hongkong, 19th May, 1868.

TO LET.
ONE FLOOR of a HOUSE in *Queen's Road*, well situated.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
tf 591 Hongkong, 24th March, 1869.

TO LET.
OFFICES, either furnished or unfurnished, situate on the Ground-floor in Bank Buildings, immediately opposite the New "HONGKONG HOTEL."
For particulars apply on the premises, to
EDMUND SHARP,
Solicitor.
tf 1109 Hongkong, 16th June, 1868.

Insurances.

NOTICE.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Insurance Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine risks at Current Rates. Policies can be made payable at all the principal ports throughout the world.
MORGAN LAMBERT & Co.,
Agents.
tf 2113 Hongkong, 7th November, 1868.

NOTICE.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month ¼ per cent.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 " ½ "
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 " ¾ "
Above 6 months the full annual rate.
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.,
Agents the Queen Insurance Company.
tf 954 Hongkong, 22nd May, 1868.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $80,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf Hongkong, 24th August, 1864.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.
UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurance, viz:—
Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from town, and their contents ½ per cent
Other dwelling Houses, used strictly as such, and their contents ¾ per cent
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents 1 per cent
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
tf 864 Hongkong, 7th March, 1865.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.
FOR Insuring Houses and other Buildings, Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Manufacturing and Farming Stock, Ships in Port, Harbours, or Dock, and the Cargoes of such Ships; also, Ships Building and Repairing; Barges and other Vessels on Navigable Rivers and Canals, and Goods on board such Vessels, throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of $60,000 on any one First Class Risk.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

FORBES & Co.'s CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY,
AND
BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies, are prepared to accept risks on the usual terms.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 399 Hongkong, 26th February, 1868.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month ¼ of the annual rate
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 " ½ do. do.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 " ¾ do. do.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
tf 675 Hongkong, 7th April, 1868.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
For one month ¼ of the annual rate.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding three months ½ do. do.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months ¾ do. do.
Above six months the full annual rate.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, Alliance Fire Assurance Company.
tf 678 Hongkong, 7th April, 1868.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.
INCORPORATED 1859.
CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies at current rates.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 1351 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY
ESTABLISHED 1838.
CAPITAL, £500,000.
MANAGING AGENTS IN CHINA,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
HONGKONG.
MEDICAL REFEREE,
IVOR MURRAY, Esq., M.D.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Managing Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.
For further particulars, forms of proposals &c., apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Managing Agents in China.
tf 1416 Hongkong, 15th June, 1867.

Insurances.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
OF
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HEAD OFFICE IN LONDON
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JOHN LAURENCE, Esq.
The CORPORATION of the LONDON ASSURANCE have appointed Agents for the issue of Policies for Marine Assurance in INDIA and CHINA as under:—
Bombay—Messrs. EWART, LATHAM & Co.
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Hongkong—Messrs. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Shanghai—Messrs. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Foochow.—Messrs. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Mauritius—Messrs. BLYTH BROTHERS & Co.
The undersigned are prepared to issue Policies of the CORPORATION of the LONDON ASSURANCE, payable either here, in LONDON, at any of the above-named Agencies, and also at
Melbourne, Victoria—
Messrs. DALGETY, BLACKWOOD & Co.
Launceston, Tasmania—
Messrs. DU CROZ, NICHOLS & Co.
Hobart Town—
Mr. LAVINGTON ROOPE.
Adelaide, S. Australia—
Messrs. ELDER, SMITH & Co.
Sydney, New S. Wales—
Messrs. FANNING, GRIFFITHS & Co.
Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand—
Messrs. DALGETY, RATTRAY & Co.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
tf 146 Hongkong, 21st January, 1868.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION
LIFE ASSURANCES.
THE Undersigned are authorised to issue Life Policies for sums not exceeding £5,000.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
tf 1959 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

NOTICE.
LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.
THE following rates will in future be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month ¼ per cent.
Above one month, and not exceeding 3 " ½ "
Above three months, and not exceeding 6 " ¾ "
Above six months, the full annual rate.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
tf 687 Hongkong, 8th April, 1868.

NOTICE.
MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month ¼ per cent.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 " ½ "
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 " ¾ "
Above 6 months the full annual rate.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
tf 698 Hongkong, 7th April, 1868.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.
THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
tf 1958 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.
THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above CORPORATION are prepared to grant FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE on the usual terms.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
tf 3025 Hongkong, 27th December, 1867.

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned having received extended limits from THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, are now authorised to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz:—
On any one first class Building, or on Goods stored therein—in Hongkong, $60,000; in Macao $45,000.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool.
tf 698 Hongkong, 17th June, 1864.

REDUCTION
In the rates of premium for
FIRE INSURANCE.
THE Undersigned have (as already intimated in their Circular dated 14th October last,) received authority from the Secretary of the Royal Insurance Company to reduce the rate of Premium under certain circumstances, on private residences and on Furnitures and effects therein contained.
In cases of Dwelling Houses removed from the town the rate of premium will be three-quarters per cent. in place of one per cent. per annum as hitherto charged, and in cases of Residences so situated being detached or semi-detached the rate will be further reduced to one-half per cent.
The Royal's annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will therefore remain as follows until further notice, viz:—
Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses (removed from the town) and their contents ½ per cent.
Other Dwelling Houses (similarly situated) and their contents ¾ per cent.
Offices and Godowns and their contents 1 per cent.
First Class China Houses and their contents 1¼ per cent.
Other Risks by Special arrangement.
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tf 714 Hongkong, 9th November, 1866.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE.
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NOTICE.
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THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
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Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 " ¾ do. do.
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GILMAN & Co., *Agents,*
North British & Mercantile Insurance Company.
tf 696 Hongkong, 7th April, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.
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Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
tf 886 Hongkong, 10th March, 1865.

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CANTON.

Vessel & Captain		Flag & Rig	Tons	Consignees	Destination
An-lan,	Godsall	H.I.C.M.	g-b.	Chinese	
China,	Wiemter	N. G. str	843	Siemssen & Co	Shanghai
Chin-Sing,	Desaulu	H.I.C.M.	g-b.		
Chen-to,	Edwards	H.I.C.M.	g-b.		
Chun-hoi,	Dames	H.I.C.M.	g-b.		
Demerara,				Customs Chop	
Fee-loong,	Francis	H.I.C.M.	Str.		
Mi-kong,		Fren. str	50	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Sui-Tsing,	Stewart	H.I.C.M.	g-b.		
Tien-Po,	Longeville	H.I.C.M.	g-b.		

AMOY.
In port on 23rd April, 1869.

Vessel & Captain		Flag & Rig	Tons	Consignees	Destination
A. E. Vidal,	Angelbeck	N. G. bk	331	Pasedag & Co	New York
Amoy Trader,	Burstel	N. G. sch	120	Elles & Co	
Carl Wilhelm,	Jopsen	N. G. bk	246	Paterson & Co	
Catherina,	Drescher	Dan. bk	320	Petersen & Co	Samarang
Chateaubrian,	Hubert	Fren. bk	312	Tait & Co	
Cresswell,	White	Brit. bk	463	Boyd & Co	Saigon
Danver Family,	Nissen	Brit. bk	369	Danver & Co	
Eliza Mary,	Peterson	Brit. bk	120	Elles & Co	Formosa
Galveston,	Briard	Amr. bk	632	Wilson, Nicholles & Co	Shanghai
H. Miller,	Dixon	Brit. bk	408	Brown & Co	
J. Henrich,	Peterson	N. G. bg	101	Elles & Co	Laid up
Loohng,	Martensen	N. G. bk	308	Captain	
Macao,	Monaly	N. Sal. sh	835	Order	Havana
Meta,	Michelson	N. G. sch	120	Petersen & Co	Formosa
Metoor,	Verney	Brit. bk	270	Tait & Co	
Mina,	Gartua	Span. bk	425	Aug. Heard & Co	Manila
Padang Panjang,		Dut. sh	600	Order	Havana

SWATOW.
In port on 2nd April, 1869.

Vessel & Captain		Flag & Rig	Tons	Consignees	Destination
Alice Thompson,	Slavo	Brit. bk	208	Bradley & Co	Shanghai
Alma,	Martin	N. G. bk	373	Dircks & Co	Shanghai
Ariadne,	Holtz	N. G. bk	330	Dircks & Co	Uncertain
Audax,	Sulliwan	Brit. bk	299	Ed. Vincent	C'foo & N'chwang
Banito,	Wraenberg	N. G. bk	512	Dircks & Co	Chefoo
Batmacarra,	Refford	Brit. bk	467	Order	
City of London,		Brit. bk	350	Russell & Sturgis	
Craig Ellachie,		Brit. bg	226	Chinese	
Ettrick,		Brit. bg		Ed. Ed. Vincent	Shanghai
Golden Fleece,	Gall	N. G. sh	350	Order	Laid up
Homer,	Rogers	Brit. bk	538	Ed. Vincent	Shanghai
Japan,	Treforstein	N. G. sch	271	Dircks & Co	Dismasted
John & Pauline,	Marteus	N. G. bk	274	Dircks & Co	Uncertain
Newcastle,	Blaunch	Brit. bk	486	Order	
Oberon,	P. Lehmann	N. G. bk	359	Dircks & Co	Shanghai
Racer,	Hughes	Brit. sch	544	Bradley & Co	
Rubicon,	Watt	Brit. sch	204	Bradley & Co	Taku

SHANGHAI.
In port on 22nd April, 1869.
The names of the numerous steamers, tugs small craft and receiving hulks employed on the Yang-tsze are not included in this table.

Vessel & Captain		Flag & Rig	Tons	Consignees	Destination
Annie Richmond,	Gibbs	Brit. bk	604	Birley, Worthington & Co	
Clemens		Am. hulk		Order	
Emma,	Graham	Fren. bg	191	J. S. Baron	
Faithful,		Chin. bk		Order	
Forward-Ho,	Hossack	Brit. sh	934	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
Gesina,	Ordemann	Dut. sch	423	Wm. Pustau & Co	Nagasaki
Gustav,	Biehl	N. G. bg	198	Nils Moller	Newchwang
Hans,	Harnos	N. G. bk	246	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Hermine,	Plambeck	N. G. bk	275	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	Newchwang
James S. Stone,	Phinney	Amr. bk	716	Frazar & Co	
Johann Anton,	Hullenhoff	N. G. sch	136	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Juno,	Grath	N. G. bk	390	Siemssen & Co	
Lizzie Allen,	Cox	Brit. sch	325	Glover, Dow & Co	
Lubra,	Percival	Amr. sh	302	M. G. Holmes	Tientsin
Mary,	Townsend	Brit. sh	1140	Frazar & Co	
Minden,	Bell	Brit. sh	831	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Peru,	Trulsen	N. G. bg	236	Telge, Nolting & Co	
P. of Wales,	Sheppard	Brit. sh	986	H. Fogg & Co	
Simoda,	Johnson	Amr. sh	650	Olyphant & Co	Passiette
Sirene,	Claussen	N. G. bk	356	Olyphant & Co	Tientsin
Tavistock,	Tate	Brit. bk	583	Russell & Co	
Thermopylæ,	Kemball	Brit. sh	947	Adamson, Bell & Co	Foochow
Tycoon,	Muller	Brit. bk	352	Frazar & Co	New York
Wm. Chandler,	Brown	Brit. bk	706	Frazar & Co	

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